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LOCATION

Utica Township, encompassing twenty-one square miles, is centrally located in southern LaSalle County. Covering six miles from east to west, it is bounded on the north by Interstate 80 and on the south by the Illinois River. The township is bisected by two other waterways, Clark's Run, which runs north/south through the center of the township, and the Pecaumsaugin Creek, which runs north/south through the west half. A strip of well-timbered, fertile bottom land parallels the river. Large deposits of St. Peter's sandstone and hydraulic lime are found in this section of the township. A bluff extending east to west about one mile north of the river divides the bottom land from the fertile prairie to the north. The Illinois and Michigan Canal and Rock Island and Pacific Railroad cross the township at the base of this bluff.

The present town of Utica, also known as North Utica, is situated in the corners of Sections 8, 9, 16, and 17 in the western half of the township, one mile north of the Illinois River. Its commercial core is on Mill Street, which runs through the center of town on a north/south axis. The survey area is defined by the Rock Island and Pacific Railroad on the north and the I & M Canal on the south.

SETTLEMENT

Utica was not settled until after the Black Hawk Indian War (1831-1832). With the elimination of the Indian threat, pioneer farmers and early industrialists were drawn to the rich bottom land along the Illinois River. They were further attracted as well to the abundant timber, traditionally connoting fertile soil. The area boasted an abundance of potential water power for the establishment of saw and grist mills. Local histories suggest that this was the westernmost point for year-round steamboat navigation on the Illinois River, which provided some early market possibilities. The indefinite plans of the I & M Canal from 1822 until 1836 also made the area ripe for speculation.

Simon Crosiar, the first settler in Utica Township, established a claim in 1833-34 by erecting a saw mill and carding machine on the Pecaumsaugin Creek in Section 7. The mill was located on what became the Amasa O. Crosiar farmstead, and foundations and even a dilapidated wheel from the mill are rumored to exist. The following year Crosiar established another claim one mile south of present Utica, on the banks of the Illinois River. Here he opened a warehouse and store, and established a dock for transporting commodities to and from St. Louis and points between. Crosiar was followed by a small number of pioneer farmers and merchants from the eastern seaboard, Kentucky, and Ohio, who staked claims around this small port. Among these early pioneers was one of Utica's most important settlers, James Clark, who came from England to Ohio and then to Utica Township, where he claimed Section 17 by 1835.

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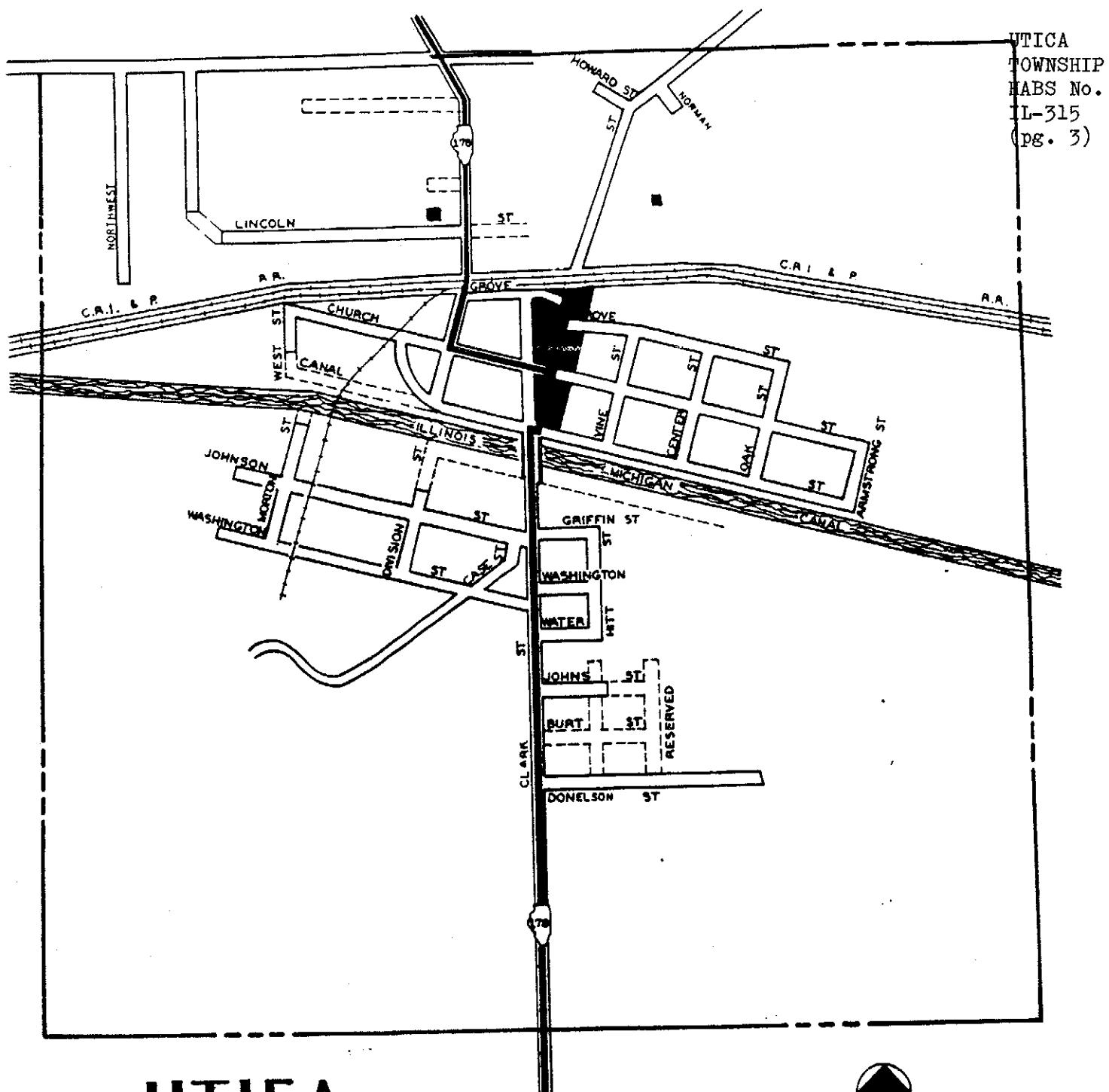
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George E. Walker, an early settler and merchant, purchased property for speculative purposes at the 1835 land sale in Ottawa. The land was then surveyed by George H. Norris, deputy county surveyor, and a plat for the original town of Utica filed in the LaSalle Recorder's Office on November 16, 1836. Thomas Brown soon constructed a small frame building in which he opened a store; in another frame structure George W. Armstrong conducted a tavern.

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During its heyday in 1836, Utica boasted four frame buildings that housed two stores, a warehouse and a tavern. In the 1827 survey, old Utica had been designated the terminus for the canal, the greatest stimulus to the growth of this town. In the 1836 canal survey, however, the path was moved north. Local histories explain that the canal's path was shifted north and the terminus moved west to Peru in exchange for a Peru representative casting the deciding vote in favor of the Canal Act. A more logical explanation for shifting the canal path is that old Utica, like Peru, was a private land development and, if the terminus were located on these towns, the Canal Commission would not profit. In contrast, LaSalle, the actual terminus of the canal, was a creation of the Commission and thus would provide it with a profit. In either case, relocating the canal isolated old Utica from any means of profitable water and rail transportation to necessary markets and the town was abandoned.

With the beginning of construction on the canal in 1836, a number of Irish laborers set up cabins along the canal in what is now North Utica, one mile north of the first town. A large vein of hydraulic lime was discovered in 1837 during preliminary excavations for the canal. Hydraulic lime, when ground and heated, makes natural or hydraulic cement. Norton and Steele, Canadians who had made cement for construction of the Lawrenceville canals, established a mill to produce the cement needed for the canal locks and dams. In 1838, they built a mill and stone kilns at the foot of the bluff, near the future site of the Rock Island Railroad. The Norton and Steele Company was the first cement plant in Illinois and only the third in the United States at the time. When canal construction ceased in 1841-42 due to financial difficulties, the Norton and Steele Cement Company closed. In 1845, when canal construction recommenced, the aforementioned James Clark, by then a contractor, purchased the cement company and began producing cement for the canal as well as for the general public. Originally called the James Clark Cement Company, the name was later changed to the Utica Hydraulic Cement Company. Clark and his company provided the foundation for the development of North Utica.

After the canal was finished in 1848, Clark constructed a stone warehouse on the north bank of the canal. The warehouse (now the LaSalle County Historical Society) was used to store grain, and served as Utica's first post office and general store. From this building most commercial activity in Utica was conducted; agricultural commodities and necessities were transported to and from the canal. At this time, the town probably resembled a construction compound -- dominated by the newly finished canal at the south, the cement company grounds to the north, and the houses of the canal and cement company laborers lined up between.

Utica was organized in 1850. Yearly elections were held for the positions of supervisor, clerk, assessor, collector, constable, and two administrators of highways. The town was finally surveyed and platted by supervisor Hiram Higby in 1852. The original plat included four blocks from the Rock Island Pacific Railroad (then under construction) to the canal, extending west from Clark Street (now known as Main) to West Street. The Rock Island Pacific Railroad was completed the following year, and Clark erected a new stone warehouse on the grounds of his cement company. The town of Utica was defined and the stage set for permanent development.

Utica was incorporated in 1867. Before 1888 a frame, two-story building was constructed to house administrative offices and a jail: its height and belfry denote its importance to the community. Only minor alterations, including asbestos siding, have been made to the building, located on Mill Street. Other civic buildings such as the local post office and library are located in modern structures.

Utica's success has been based on the surrounding natural resources, including hydraulic lime, clay, sandstone, and fertile land. With the canal providing markets early in the town's development, natural resource industries were stimulated from an early date. Development in Utica peaked in about 1880 and lasted through the second decade of the twentieth century. The Utica Sewer Pipe and Terra Cotta Company, established in 1863, was the largest of its kind in the state in the 1880s. Utica Fire-Brick Company manufactured bricks from 1882 through 1928. St. Peter's sandstone has been mined and shipped from Utica since the 1860s, and it remains a major industry in the community. Utica's growth depends on a delicate balance between these industries (which are extractive rather than manufactured) and preservation of the surrounding resource-laden land.

The turn of the century marked Utica's commercial and residential peak, with the population reaching 1,000. At least three cement companies and three grain elevators operated here. By 1905 the interurban Illinois Valley Railroad, a division of the Chicago, Ottawa & Peoria Railroad, operated in Utica. The Utica Sewer Pipe and Terra Cotta Company, then the only business of its kind in the state, was generating \$50,000 worth of business annually. During this period, the Utica Electric Light Company was constructed and electricity introduced to the town. Farming had become mechanized, thereby increasing productivity, and corn was becoming a specialized crop. Agriculture and industry in and around Utica stimulated a boom in commercial development.

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TABLE 1-1
CENSUS CHART
POPULATION -- UTICA TOWNSHIP

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
1850	252
1860	992
1870	1154
1880	1273

TABLE 1-2
CENSUS CHART
POPULATION -- TOWN OF UTICA

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
1880	767
1890	1094
1900	1150
1910	976
1920	1037
1930	1120
1940	1019
1950	985
1960	1014
1970	974
1980	1067

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Because Utica was essentially a creation of the canal, its commercial development was merely an extension of two factors: the cement industry and the potential markets for agricultural products. Permanent commercial development began in Utica after the canal was completed. The original commercial core was located on Canal and Clark streets in the 1850s. Utica was then a small industrial and agricultural center, boasting two cement companies and a grain warehouse. The latter, called the James Clark Warehouse (1849), was actually the first commercial structure in Utica. Early commercial buildings probably extended west from this building, parallel to the canal.

In 1858 a frame building was constructed on the west side of Clark Street between Church and Canal streets, in what is now the vacant lot between the blacksmith building and the welding shop. This structure housed James H. Pearse's lumber and grain store. It was joined by a frame structure in which William Simmons operated a tavern. On April 8, 1859, James Clark made the first addition to the original plat of Utica, encompassing the six blocks from Mill Street (west) to Oak Street (east), and Grove Street (north) to Canal Street (south). Clark's warehouse and his addition are the only remnants of this early period of commercial development.

By the 1860s industry and agriculture began to stabilize and both the railroad and the canal connected Utica with markets in the East, West, and South. This newly stable atmosphere prompted the local business community to settle down, and Utica developed a more cosmopolitan air. During this period, simple frame structures were built to house necessity-oriented stores. A frame duplex, constructed on the northwest corner of Clark and Canal streets, was occupied by H. W. Higby's Old Reliable Drug Store and Edward Taylor's general store. By 1867 John Holeman's hardware store was housed in a frame building on the north side of Canal Street. Opposite Holeman's on the south side of Canal Street, Dennis Lynch operated a dry goods store, and a butcher shop was established here by James Donaldson sometime during the 1860s. The first commercial building was also constructed on Mill Street. It housed a barber shop for J. P. Hazel.

In the 1870s, the commercial core began to shift to its present site on Mill Street. The north side of Clark Street featured a drugstore, a post office, two general stores, and two grocery stores. A hardware store and a saloon comprised the north side of Canal Street and a dry goods store and a saloon, the south side. Businesses on Mill Street at that time were oriented toward industry and service. They included C. C. Perin's Wagon Shop on the southeast corner of Mill and Grove streets (where the Utica Public Library now stands), Edmond Fitzgerald's harness shop, and A. D. Sparham's construction firm. In 1873 Peter Cosgrove opened a saloon on Mill Street. All of these frame buildings were located between Church and Canal streets. At the intersection of the I & M Canal and Mill Street, Clark's warehouse stood on the north bank and Henry Wild's grain elevator on the south bank.

In 1874 James Clark subdivided the western half of the fourth block of his addition to Utica -- between Church and Canal streets -- which had remained undeveloped. On the northeast corner of Mill and Church streets he erected a massive two-story, limestone and brick Italianate commercial building with cement produced by his company. One of the first tenants was Higby and Brigg's Drugstore; a theatre was located on the second story. This building now houses Bickerman's Hardware Store and anchors Utica's present commercial area, just as it originally did. Although the structure no longer maintains its original appearance, it is the only remnant of this early period. Three frame buildings were constructed on Mill Street during the 1870s, housing the Learned & Holland Drugstore (1877), J. E. McGuire's General Store (1877), and A. C. Stage's Barber Shop (late 1870s), but they have been demolished.

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During the 1880s the wedge-shaped block contained by Clark and Canal streets was annexed to Utica by H. S. Gilbert & Co. James Clark's fourth addition -- a block bound by Church Street (south), the Utica Hydraulic Cement Company (north), Mill Street (east), and Clark Street (west) -- was added to Utica's commercial core. The town henceforth began to assume its present appearance. As buildings were gradually constructed along Mill Street, the commercial structures along Canal and Clark streets were deserted.

In 1882, John Holcomb's Hardware and E. E. Taylor's General Merchandise stores moved from Clark and Canal streets to Mill Street. The hardware store was located in the middle of the block between Church and Canal streets, and the general merchandise store on the southeast corner of Church and Mill streets in Clark's commercial building. Dr. K. W. Leland also opened a drugstore in a frame building on the west side of Mill Street, south of Church Street. By 1888 most of the commercial structures on Clark Street were vacant. Of the eight buildings on Clark Street, four were empty and one served as a residence. The remaining buildings included a general store, carpentry shop, and blacksmith shop. The general store and the blacksmith shop are two of only three buildings that today occupy the lower block of Clark Street, a virtual alley and parking lot.

In comparison, Mill Street boasted eighteen commercial buildings, six on the west side and twelve on the east. These buildings housed three general stores, three saloons, two drugstores, two dry goods and grocery stores, two meat markets, and a restaurant, bakery, barber shop, clothing, hardware, and flour and feed stores. Only six of these buildings, however, were constructed of brick or stone. In 1888, Mill Street probably had the same quality and quantity of commercial businesses that it now does, but the streetscape was dominated by one- or two-story frame structures rather than the present brick buildings. The only structure that remains on Mill Street from this period of development is No. 149. Originally built as a saloon, its subsequent uses include a restaurant, store, and tavern. It is currently a florist shop.

The period between 1890 and 1900 witnessed the construction of most of the brick and stone structures that now stand along Mill Street. In 1891 seventeen brick or stone buildings stood on Mill Street. Eleven of these,

constructed during the 1890s, still remain. Businesses on Mill Street, from the canal to the railroad, included five general stores, four saloons, three butcher shops, three restaurants, two drugstores, two liveries, two banks, two barber shops, a hardware store, furniture store, cigar store, harness shop, blacksmith shop, printing shop, hotel, cobbler shop, agricultural implements store, and the city hall and jail.

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The variety of Utica's commercial enterprises changed little from the 1890s through 1915; it was a self-sufficient business center and marketplace for the surrounding township. Very little new construction occurred after 1915. On average only one building was constructed per decade from 1920 to the present in the area surveyed.

As the automobile began to allow people to travel to LaSalle/Peru and Ottawa for necessities, Utica became less self-sufficient. At the town's 1952 centennial, the business community was composed of four taverns, three service stations, three barbershops, three grocery stores, a general store, gift shop, butcher shop, cleaners and dry goods store, restaurant, drugstore, garage, pool hall, blacksmith shop, and grain elevator. Yet the population was virtually the same as in 1900.

Little change has occurred since 1952. The Utica Elevator Company currently operates with a one-million bushel capacity of grain. The Philadelphia Quartz Company, one of the few existing industries in Utica, employs fifty. Utica is otherwise a bedroom community for surrounding cities. The current vacancy of a number of buildings in the commercial core indicates that the town no longer needs to be self-sufficient.

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE

No houses were contained in the survey area, but three residences were inventoried because of their historical or architectural merit. The Amos Griffin Mansion on Lincoln Street, built ca. 1882, is an excellent example of Italianate architecture. This two-story building is the only stone residence in Utica, as well as the only Italianate structure in town. Griffin was an entrepreneur and influential local citizen. The James Clark house, built in 1845, maintains no resemblance to its original appearance. The upper two stories of this three-story mansion were removed by the current owners in 1945. All outbuildings were also demolished except for the original stone carriage house. The Norman J. Cary house was built in 1902. It is a frame, two-story Queen Anne-style structure with aluminum siding and replacement windows.

The remainder of Utica's residential areas feature modest frame structures. A windshield survey indicates that further study would determine the role of the residential areas in the development of Utica.

AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS

Utica Township was settled primarily because of its agricultural potential. After the Indian threat was eliminated in 1832, settlers from the eastern seaboard, Ohio and Kentucky, were attracted to the area by its fertile, well-timbered bottomland along the Illinois River. Claims began to be established in 1834, to be purchased at the land sale in Ottawa the following year. The majority of land was probably bought speculatively, with only a few squatters purchasing their claims. From 1834 through 1848, when the canal was completed, farming in Utica Township could be described as pioneer subsistence. Markets were distant and difficult to reach and transporting commodities depended on the Illinois River. Farms likely consisted of a small number of improved acres providing diverse products; surpluses were carted to Utica and sold to townsmen. Farming was prosperous from 1833-34 until the panic of 1837. The period from 1837 to 1843 witnessed little immigration and development. Construction on the canal had ceased and, despite low farm product prices, Irish canal laborers used their devalued canal scrip to purchase agricultural land in Utica Township. It is probable that farmers had previously clung to the well-timbered and watered areas close to the Illinois River, Pecaumsaugin Creek and Clark's Run, because the prairie was thought to be infertile. Wheat and corn were staple crops, although oats, hay, potatoes, turnips and buckwheat were also cultivated. No verifiable cultural resources remain from this early period.

The Illinois and Michigan Canal had a tremendous influence on agricultural settlement on Utica Township. As early as 1822, a canal that would open up markets in the east and west had been discussed. The development of steam navigation on the Great Lakes facilitated immigration to the area and the prospect of the canal insured available markets, attracting yeoman farmers. Unlike other parts of the country, no substantial woodsman pioneer period occurred in Utica Township. The Indian presence kept settlers out and, when this threat was removed, land speculators and farmers quickly bought up land.

The canal's opening in 1848 allowed for the immediate development of diverse, commercialized farms. The period from 1842 through 1850 witnessed a large increase in immigration to LaSalle County, forcing farmers onto the prairie lands they had previously avoided. Agriculture on prairie grassland fostered the development of the livestock industry because the land was thought best suited for pasture. A deeply cutting steel plow was also needed to cut through the thick layer of prairie sod, encouraging the immediate development of a more mechanized farming.

Agricultural schedules for Utica Township from the Federal census are included in Table 4-3. Little correlation exists between the names of farm owners listed in the 1850 directories and census records (which list farm operators without indicating whether they owned the land). The records also show a large amount of unimproved acreage as compared to later censuses, suggesting that speculative land holding was considered more profitable than commercial farming. The census schedules further indicate that farms were diversified,

although corn was somewhat emphasized. The vast number of markets made available by canal transport allowed farmers to protect themselves from specialized losses.

By the time the 1860 census was conducted, canal markets were well established. The Rock Island and Pacific Railroad had begun to run through the township and open up even more markets. Local agriculture was enjoying a boom. Access to markets, new farm machinery and agricultural science combined to stabilize prices and increase production.

The correlation between farm owners and operators had increased by 1860, suggesting that commercial farming was displacing speculative land holding. No verifiable historic structures were found from this period, although the Amasa O. Crosiar farm dates from the 1850s or earlier. The agricultural schedule for 1860 indicates that Crosiar owned 300 improved and 440 unimproved acres, unusually large holdings for its period. He was primarily a livestock farmer, with fourteen horses, thirty milk cows, forty other cattle, and fourteen swine. He also raised 600 bushels of wheat, 2,000 bushels of Indian corn, 700 bushels of oats, one bushel of peas and beans, 100 bushels of Irish potatoes, 200 bushels of barley, 100 tons of hay, 1,200 pounds of butter, and 180 pounds of cheese. Another significant farm from this period is the Cornelius W. Esmond Farm #1, purchased as an 80-acre property in 1855. By 1860 the Esmond farm consisted of 140 improved and 20 unimproved acres. Esmond was a diversified commercial farmer: he owned seven horses, six milk cows, twelve other cattle and five swine, and produced 300 bushels of wheat, 200 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of oats, fifty-seven bushels of Irish potatoes, forty tons of hay, 800 pounds of butter, and 100 pounds of cheese. The township's only smokehouse and one of its original one-and-a-half-story linear-plan houses were surveyed here.

The agricultural schedule from the 1870 census indicatea that the Civil War had caused the number of farmers in Utica Township to decline to twenty-six. Family farms remained undivided and the average farm size increased. Despite fewer farmers, production also increased, in part because of the stimulated war economy and new farming technology.

Despite the effects of the Civil War, the 1860a were a boom period for agriculture in Utica Township. Seven houses, one barn, and two drive-through corn cribs remain from this decade and are among the earliest farm structures surveyed. With its gable roof and foundation of stone piers, the barn was used to house both livestock and grain. The corn cribs are small rectangular buildings with a foundation of stone piers and a gable roof with loft; individual cribs are separated by an aisle for machinery. These early farm buildings and one of the three one-and-a-half-story linear-plan houses are found on the D. A. Bennett Farm, established ca. 1868 and still owned by the family. According to the 1870 schedule Bennett farmed 120 improved acres. He owned \$300 worth of machinery and five horses, three asses and mules, three milk cows, and four swine. He produced 15 bushels of spring wheat, 763 bushels of corn, 1,000 bushels of oats, 30 bushels of Irish potatoes, eight tons of hay, and 380 pounds of butter.

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The 1860s mark the second building wave that swept through Utica Township. This productive decade witnessed the construction of bigger and more elaborate farmhouses to accommodate growing families, thus supplanting the basic one-and-a-half-story linear-plan houses. It is possible that only three of these original houses still exist in the township. The more traditional and purely functional farm outbuildings did not reach obsolescence at the same time and thus did not suffer the same fate.

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The 1880 census schedules for Utica Township indicate that farm growth had begun to stabilize during the 1870s, although the number of farm operators had increased to fifty-eight. Three houses, three barns, and six corn cribs date from the 1870s, the last figure indicating that corn was beginning to emerge as a staple crop in the township.

No agricultural schedules from Utica Township were available after 1890, so dating the emergence of today's specialized farm is difficult. The leveling trend apparent in the 1880 census data indicates that farmers were beginning to concentrate on corn and oats, eliminating wheat and decreasing the number of cattle raised. Between 1890 and 1910 the largest number of corn cribs were constructed and their architectural form changed. Cupolas were added to the roofs of the standard drive-through crib so conveyors could load increased amounts of corn through the roof. Half the corn cribs surveyed sported cupolas. This change in form suggests that, as they were aided by new machinery and a more scientific approach to agriculture, farmers began to specialize in the production of feed grains. Additionally, a number of barns were constructed with gambrel roofs to accommodate larger lofts and increased production. Another revealing figure is that at least three grain elevators operated in the township during this period. Of the farmsteads surveyed, seven barns and nine corn cribs were constructed between 1910 and the 1920s. By the mid-1920s, soybeans had been introduced to LaSalle County. Despite this trend toward specialization and the construction of larger and more efficient barns and corn cribs, the spatial organization of the traditional farmstead and number of outbuildings probably changed very little. Although farms were becoming more commercialized, they remained relatively self-sufficient until at least World War II.

Since World War II, increased mobility and mechanization have permitted larger farms and fewer farmers. Farms no longer need to be self-sufficient, which often causes the deterioration or even demolition of specialized outbuildings. The Quonset hut has been introduced to the farm landscape, as has the multipurpose pole barn. A large number of farms are still family-operated, but houses are being abandoned, and part-time or non-resident farmers are raising corn and soy beans on otherwise deserted properties.

Survey results indicate that today's model farm sits on eighty to 100 acres of land. The farm yard is square or rectangular and contains four to seven outbuildings adjacent to the road. The rectangular, frame, two-story gable-roofed house with additions and aluminum siding fronts the farm yard and faces the road. The transverse-frame or midwest three-portal barn sits behind

the house with its primary axis running north/south. It has a concrete foundation and is covered with flush horizontal board siding. The drive-through corn crib with concrete foundation and cupola also sits behind the house and faces the same direction as the barn. Miscellaneous outbuildings sit behind the house within this rectangular area. Cultivated and fallow fields define the edges of the farm yard.

TABLE 1-3
AVERAGE FARM IN UTICA TOWNSHIP
from Agricultural Census

	<u>1850</u>	<u>1860</u>	<u>1870</u>	<u>1880</u>
No. farmers	41	49	26	58
Improved land (acres)	70	152	370	129
Unimproved land (acres)	154	70	30	18
Horses	3	5	7	6
Milk cows	2	5	5	2
Cattle	5	10	14	7
Sheep	1		2	10
Swine	7	6	7	16
Wheat (bushels)	230	183	36	47
Corn (bushels)	481	1070	1430	2532
Oats (bushels)	103	148	289	120
Potatoes (bushels)	82	179		
Hay (tons)	24	34		
Butter (pounds)	60	486		

METHODOLOGY

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Planning

As in other towns along the I & M Canal, Utica's commercial core was selected for inventory. All buildings on Mill Street and on the east side of Main Street between Canal Street and the railroad tracks were surveyed. Additionally, three of the finer houses were surveyed.

In addition to the town survey, the entire township of Utica was surveyed, in order to include agricultural buildings in the survey process. The township survey focused on pre-1940 rural structures, including houses, barns, corn cribs, and other outbuildings.

Research

Sanborn Insurance Maps were an important source of information for structures in the town. For the farmsteads, plat atlases, which recorded the location of houses, were used.

Several local research facilities were particularly useful. The LaSalle County Historical Society Museum has a local history collection, farmers' directories, plat atlases, and photographs. At the Utica Public Library, the local history collection, the newspaper collection, photographs, and tax assessor's records were useful. In addition, the librarian, Beverly Pleskovitch, proved to be a good source herself. Tax records at the Public Library included ledgers for 1850, 1861, 1863, and 1871 which were invaluable for tracing land ownership, as they antedated the earliest available plat atlas. The tax records in the Supervisor of Assessments office, LaSalle County Courthouse, provided the legal descriptions of the sites and the names and addresses of the current owners.

Fieldwork

Two surveyors were assigned to the town survey, and two to the township. The survey proceeded along the lines of the general methodology, explained in the overview, above, except that the field form designed for commercial and residential buildings proved to be unsuitable for rural buildings. A new field form was devised. A total of 30 commercial buildings and three residential buildings were surveyed in the town; 39 farms were surveyed in the township.

Finally, the structures were evaluated and categorized using the system explained in the general methodology section above.

TABLE 1-4
UTICA SURVEY RESULTS
Dates of construction of surveyed buildings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Farm Houses</u>
pre-1870	0	1	7
1870-1880	1		4
1880-1890	2	1	4
1890-1900	14		7
1900-1910	4	1	8
1910-1920	2		1
1920-1930	1		1
1930-1940			1
1940+	6		

<u>Date</u>	<u>Barns</u>	<u>Corn Cribs</u>
1850-1870	1	2
1870-1890	9	6
1890-1910	7	6
1910-1930	13	9
1930-1940		1

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INVENTORY CARDS

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

G.A. Bennett Farm

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2. LOCATION

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3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

ca. 1868, ca. 1900

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

Farm

5. RATING

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6. CONDITION
Good - this farmstead includes three houses, three barns, corn crib and several miscellaneous outbuildings.

House #1: Concrete foundation (originally limestone). Wood-frame construction, asbestos siding. One-and-one-half stories. Hall and parlor plan. Three bays on south (main) elevation. Side-gable roof with asphalt shingles. Central wood door flanked by wood-frame two-over-two double-hung sash. Flat-roof facade-long porch supported by turned posts. Second-story two-pane fixed windows in frieze.

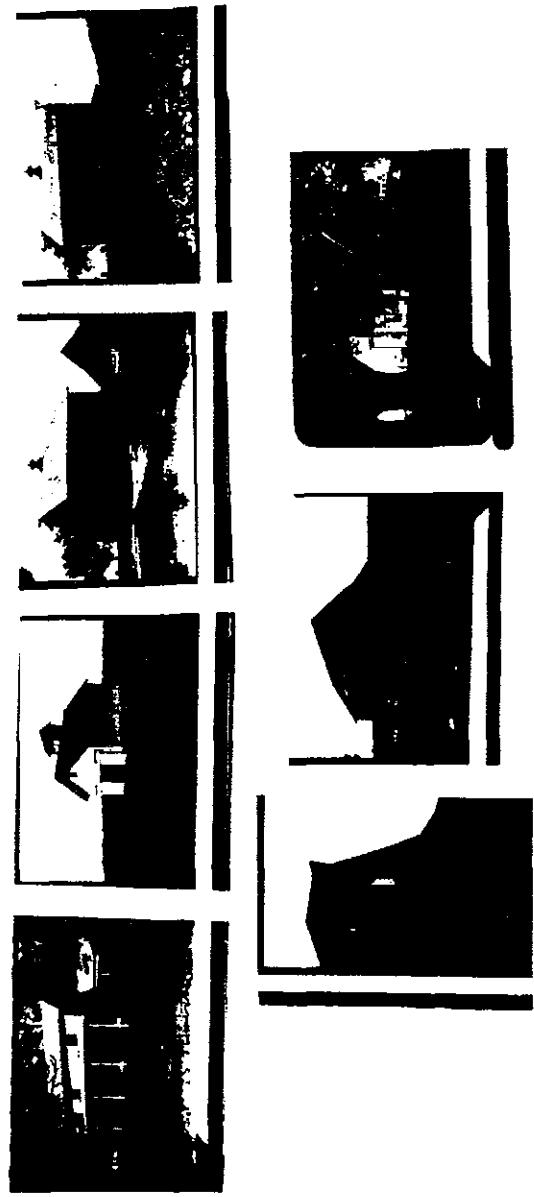
House #2: Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction, aluminum siding. One-and-one-half stories. Rectangular plan, side gable roof with asphalt shingles. Four bays on west (main) facade. Aluminum frame-and-glass door in third bay south. Three one-over-one aluminum-frame double-hung sash windows evenly spaced across front facade. Located north of House #1. (Description continues on Card 2.)

The homestead house (House #1) dates from circa 1868 and the second house from circa 1900. The barns and corn cribs date from the late nineteenth century. J.P. Judson and Edward Williams owned this property in 1850. By 1868 G.A. Bennett owned the property and built a hall-and-parlor homestead house. In 1906 two houses appeared on the property. D.A. Bennett took over the farm in 1929, and D.H. Bennett has owned the farmstead since circa 1952. The Bennett family raised sheep continuously from the 1850s to 1984. There is currently a crop of corn growing.

These buildings illustrate the evolution of a farm, wherein buildings are gradually replaced and the result is a mix of older and newer buildings. The homestead house, built circa 1868, is one of three linear-plan houses remaining in the township. It retains its integrity, and has had only slight modifications to the rear of the building. The circa 1900 house has been altered, but retains its integrity. The barns and corn cribs are excellent examples of mid-to-late nineteenth-century outbuildings, which maintain their integrity and represent the diminishing number of wood-frame outbuildings in Utica Township.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
G. A. Bennett Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
U-6-6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
G.A. Bennett Farm
Card 2 of 2
2. LOCATION
178 & I-80
Utica, Illinois
3. CONDITION
Good.

owner: D.H. Bennett	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1868, ca. 1900
UTM: LaSalle Quad, 16 N. 4580760 E. 331950	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Farm
	5. RATING Ae-1

6. CONDITION
Good.

Barn #1: Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction, board-and-batten siding. One-and-one-half stories. Square plan, four bays on south (main) facade. Side-gable roof with central metal vent and diamond-shaped asphalt shingles. Vertical-wood dutch door in easternmost bay. vertical-wood sliding wagon door in next bay west with hay loading door directly above. Four-over-four wooden double-hung sash in westernmost bay. Six-over-six wooden double-hung sash in next bay. One-story shed-roof addition on north facade. Concrete foundation, wood-frame construction. Horizontal board exterior. Corrugated-tin roof. Located east of House #1.

Barn #2: Raised concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Vertical boards on south (main) facade. Concrete block on sides and rear. One-and-one-half stories. Rectangular plan, salt-box roof with central vent and diamond-shaped asphalt shingles. Hay hood on south facade. Two vertical-wood doors in two northernmost bays. Large doorway in southernmost bay. Hay door mid-facade in third bay south. Located east of House #1.

Corn Crib #1: Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Widely spaced horizontal boards, lower half, asbestos shingles top half. One story, rectangular plan. Three bays on north (main) facade. Front-gable roof with asbestos siding, covered cupola and diamond-shaped asphalt shingles. Central sliding wagon door with vertical boards. Six-over-six wooden double-hung sash in gable peak. Located southeast of House #1.

Corn Crib #2: Limestone pier foundation. Wood-frame construction. Widely spaced horizontal wood siding on crib area, clapboard in gable peak. One story. Rectangular plan. Four bays on south (main) elevation, including shed-roofed addition on east facade. Gable roof with diamond-shaped asphalt shingles. Original sliding wagon door opening (door removed) flanked by rectangular loading door on ground level. Hay loft loading door of vertical boards in gable peak. Shed-roofed addition has concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Horizontal siding, corrugated-tin roof. Located northeast of House #1.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

G.A. Bennett Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Benya Farm: barn)	3. DATER(S) OF CONSTRUCTION early-twentieth century
2. LOCATION unmarked road off State Rte. 178, south of I&M Canal, Utica, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) farm
5. CONDITION Fair.	6. RATING Am-2

7. DESCRIPTION Barn: Stone or concrete pier foundation. Wood-frame construction, board-and-batten vertical siding, some battens replaced with metal strips. One story, rectangular plan, three bays on north (main) elevation. Side gable with catslide roof on west facade, corrugated metal roofing. Central vertical-plank sliding wagon door. Storage barn on operating farm.
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This barn probably dates from the early twentieth century. James McKite owned the land in 1876. By 1906 D. Lynch was the land owner. The land was in the ownership of the C.A. Cary estate from 1929 to 1952. Elizabeth Benya owned the land in 1978 and John Benya is the current owner. The barn is used for storage, and is surrounded by corn fields.

This farmstead has a large acreage of corn and one barn built in the early twentieth century as the only building. The shed-roofed wood-frame building retains its original architectural character, with only slight alterations. The building represents a diminishing number of wood frame outbuildings in Utica Township.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(Benza Farm: barn)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

ROLL: U-4: Frame: 20, 21



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE John Brennan Farm Card 1 of 2	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1900
2. LOCATION N. Side of Rt. 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Farm
	5. RATING Am-3
6. CONDITION Fair	

This farmstead includes a house, main barn, a shed/chicken coop and three bunkers.

House: Raised concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior covered with asbestos shingles. Two-story rectangular massed plan structure. Three-bay side-gable primary elevation faces south. Gable roof covered with asphalt shingles features a central brick chimney. South elevation: central wood door with enclosed entry porch has paired two-over-two double-hung sash wood windows to the east and one-over-one double-hung sash metal window to the west. Second story has two two-over-two wood double-hung sash windows evenly spaced across facade. Small one-story shed roof addition and outdoor cellar entrance in rear. House sits back from Rt. 6, marking the eastern and southern boundary of the farmyard. (Description continues on Card 2.)

The house and the barn on this farm date from the turn of the century. The farmstead, composed of 320 improved acres, belonged to Truman Hardy ca. 1858 through at least 1871 when it was listed as part of the Estate of Truman Hardy. By 1876 A.I. Hartshorn (Hartson), an early settler in Utica Township, had added this property to his holdings. Hartshorn owned the property until at least 1888. Between 1889 and 1906 John Brennan purchased 240 acres of this farm in section 5. Between 1926 and 1929 Mary Cannon owned the property which included 240 acres and one building. The property remained in the Cannon family until the 1970s; however, documentation suggests that the Cannons were absentee landowners. The property is currently owned by the Western Sand and Gravel Company. The house and the barn are vacant; however, there is a corn crop. Corn and livestock appear to have been raised since the turn of the century.

This farm is representative of the specialized feed grain agriculture which developed during the turn of the century in Utica Township. The farmstead retains little of its architectural and historical significance. The turn-of-the-century two-story frame house is similar to many of the farmhouses surveyed in Utica Township. The turn-of-the-century gambrel roof, multi-purpose livestock barn is similar to many of the turn of the century barns in the survey. The traditional organization within the farmyard no longer retains its integrity, however, because many of the outbuildings have been removed and currently the farmyard is vacant.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
John Brennan Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
Roll: U-6, Frame: 14, 15, 16



NOTE: FRAMES 15 & 16 ARE
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE	John Brennan Farm Card 2 of 2	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	C. 1900
2. LOCATION	N. Side of Rt. 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)	Farm
	UTM: LaSalle Quad, 16 N. 4580610 E. 331000 Legal Description: T.33 R.2 Sec. 5 NW 1/4	5. RATING	Air-3

6. CONDITION
good

Main Barn: Raised concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of flush vertical boards. Two-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gambrel-front primary elevation faces north. Gambrel roof covered with wood shingles has hanging gambrel hay hood on the north facade. Central metal roof vent. North elevation: three evenly-spaced sliding doors of flush vertical board. Second story has central, small rectangular loading door of flush vertical boards in gable peak and two similar doors on the east and west edge of the gable peak. Secondary east elevation has four windows evenly spaced across the facade. Barns sits behind the house to the northwest, marking the western boundary of the farmyard.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
John Brennan Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE C.A. Buell Farm Card 1 of 2	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1875
2. LOCATION NE Cor. of E. 12 Rd. & N. 2803 Rd. Utica, Illinois (Township)	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Farm
5. CONDITION good	6. RATING Ae-2

This farmstead includes a house, main barn, corn crib, hexagonal shed, two other outbuildings and a windmill.

House: Raised concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior with vinyl siding with asphalt shingles. Symmetrical three-bay side-gable primary elevation faces east. Intersecting gable roof with covered hood flanked by one-over-one double-hung sash metal windows. Second story has three evenly spaced one-over-one double-hung sash metal windows. Two-story four-bay rear wing has shed-roofed porch in ell. One-story shed-roofed addition to north facade of rear wing. House fronts east on 12 Rd., marking the eastern boundary of the farmyard.

Outbuilding: Hexagonal wood-frame building. Exterior of flush vertical boards with tent roof and central chimney located behind the house. (Description continued on Card 2)

The house on the farmstead appears to date from the 1870s and the barn and corn crib from ca. 1900. From 1863 through 1872 this 76-acre site belonged to Nathan Hardy. The 1871 assessor's records of Utica Township lists the property as unimproved. From at least 1876 until 1888 the property belonged to C. A. Buell; however, it was not his place of residence. Mrs. Theresa E. Cowden, possibly an absentee landowner, owned the property from at least 1906 through 1937. Arthur L. Swanson owned the property from 1952 through 1978 and currently it is owned by his wife Marguerita Swanson. Remaining outbuildings suggest that both corn and livestock were raised on this farmstead after the turn of the century.

Characteristically located adjacent to the road, this farmstead is representative in size, organization and design to a large number of farmsteads surveyed in Utica Township. The ca. 1875 two-story frame house was probably the first farmhouse constructed on the site, and it is representative of the first commercialized agricultural boom in the township from 1860 into the 1870s. The later ca. 1900 farm buildings are indicative of later agricultural development and the need to adapt more functional and utilitarian farm buildings as production changed and increased in the township. This farm is one of the few surveyed which still retains many of its outbuildings, one of which is a unique octagonal miscellaneous shed with a chimney.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

C.A. Buell Farm

**11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL: U-3, Frame: 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28**



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

C. A. Beull Farm

Card 2 of 2

2. LOCATION

NE corner of E. 12 Rd. & N. 2803 Rd.
Utica, Illinois (Township)

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

ca. 1900

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

Main Barn, Corn Crib

5. RATING

Ae-2

6. CONDITION

Main barn - Fair Corn crib - Fair

Main barn: Midwest three-portal barn. Unknown foundation. Wood-frame construction. Gable-front section and east shed-roof section covered with flush horizontal board, clapboard in gable peak; shed-roof extension to west has flush vertical board. All painted white. One-and-a-half-story rectangular plan. Two-bay gable front primary elevation faces south. Gable-roof and shed-roof additions to the east and west facades are covered with corrugated metal. Ridge pole hay loader on south gable peak. Southern elevation: gable-front section has two hinged doors of flush vertical boards on the east and west edges of facade. Rectangular loading door of flush vertical boards at mid facade. Hay loft loading door of flush vertical boards in gable peak. Eastern shed-roof addition: dutch door of flush vertical boards on eastern edge of facade. Square loading door of flush vertical boards on upper section of west edge of facade. Western shed-roof addition: Large hinged door of flush vertical boards on west edge of facade. Barn sits on the northwestern boundary of the farmyard, behind the house.

Corn crib: Drive-through corn crib. Concrete-block foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of widely spaced flush horizontal boards, weatherboard in gable peaks. One-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gable-front primary elevation faces north. Gable roof covered with corrugated metal. North elevation: Central double sliding door of flush vertical boards. Six-over-six double-hung sash wood window in gable peak. Shed-roofed addition on west facade with corrugated metal cladding. Sliding door of flush vertical board on south facade. Corn crib sits on south boundary of the farmyard facing the main barn. Two small outbuildings sit east of the structure.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

C.A. Buell Farm
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Samuel Cole Farm	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION late nineteenth century
2. LOCATION N. 2903 Rd. Utica, Illinois (Township)	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) farm
UTM: Starved Rock Quad, 16 N. 4579260 E. 334790	5. RATING Am-3

6. CONDITION Good - this farmstead includes a house, main barn, corn crib, pole barn and garage.

House: Raised concrete-block foundation. Wood-frame construction. vinyl siding. Two-story main block and one-story addition on south facade. Rectangular plan, three bays on south (main) elevation. Side-gable roof with asphalt shingles. Central wood door with aluminum shed-roof porch, and adjacent paired one-over-one metal-frame double-hung sash windows. One-over-one metal frame double-hung sash windows in east and west bays. Two one-over-one double-hung sash evenly spaced on second story.

Barn: Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Thin vertical wood siding. Three bays on south (main) elevation. Gable roof with asphalt shingles. One story, rectangular plan, central vertical wood sliding wagon doors. Wood and glass door in south bay. Two fixed, two-light windows in gable peak. Located northwest of house.

Corn Crib: Concrete piers. Wood-frame construction. Horizontal wood siding with vinyl in gable peak. Gambrel roof with asphalt shingles and corrugated-aluminum gable-roofed cupola loader. One-and-one-half stories. Three bays on south (main) facade. Central vertical wood sliding doors, six-over-six wood-frame double-hung sash in gambrel peak. Located north of house.

The house dates from the late nineteenth century. The barns date from the early twentieth century. Samuel Cole purchased the farmstead in 1831. He raised corn, but hogs and other livestock were his specialty. Zenas Dickinson, active in township government, owned this property in 1850. Samuel Cole owned the property from 1876 through 1906, during which time the house was built. By 1929 Charles Cole owned the farmstead. Ernest and Henrietta Riebe owned the farm in 1952, and she alone presently owns the land.

These buildings illustrate the evolution of a farm, wherein buildings are gradually replaced and the result is a mix of older and newer buildings. The late nineteenth-century wood-frame house has been altered, but retain integrity. They represent a diminishing number of wood-frame outbuildings.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Samuel Cole Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL # FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
U-3-10, 11, 12, 13



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Samuel Cole Farm
Card 1 of 2

2. LOCATION
SE corner of N. 2950 & E 11 Rds.
Utica, Illinois (Township)

6. CONDITION

Fair

This farmstead includes a house, a barn, a corn crib, and a silo.

House: Concrete-block foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior covered with aluminum siding. One-and-a-half-story rectangular plan. Altered three-bay side-gable primary elevation faces north. Gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. Central brick chimney. North elevation composed of a large one-story addition with shed roof and raised concrete block foundation. Central three-panel wood door with fixed light flanked by tripartite windows. One-story shed roof addition to east facade has raised concrete-block foundation. House fronts north on 2950 Rd., marking the northwestern section of the farmyard. (Description continued on Card 2)

The house on this site appears to date from ca. 1870. The corn crib dates from ca. 1915. This 180-acre farm remained in the Cole family from at least 1858 through 1958. Samuel Cole was born in New York. He began farming and raising stock in Utica Township in 1848-50 on an 80-acre farm. He improved the original property and added 400 acres which includes this 180-acre farm in the SW 1/4 of section 1. Cole was known for raising hogs and other livestock. The 1870 agricultural schedules of Utica Township from the federal census show that Cole owned 300 improved acres and 60 unimproved acres and he had \$100 worth of farm machinery. He owned 5 horses, 6 asses and mules, 5 milk cows, 3 other cattle and 16 swine. He produced 100 bushels of spring wheat, 6100 bushels of corn, 600 bushels of oats, 500 bushels of Irish potatoes, 200 pounds of butter and 50 tons of hay. After Samuel retired in 1875 his son Albert Cole took over the farm. In 1886 Albert Cole was noted as owning 480 acres of land worth \$125,000. He farmed the property until at least 1922. In 1925 his wife Lydia M. Tate owned 80 acres of the original farm and the other 80 acres were part of the Albert Cole Estate. Lydia, Albert's sister, had married Alonzo M. Tate. Lydia owned the property until at least 1937. By 1942 Ernest Cole owned the SW 1/4 of section 1. The property is currently owned by Dale J. McConville who has owned it since at least 1976. Corn appears to have been the major crop on this farm since the turn of the century.

Although severely altered, this farm was one of the earlier farms found in Utica Township, improved by Samuel Cole as early as 1858. Although many of the original outbuildings are gone this farm is characteristically located adjacent to the road. The farm features the only drive-through corn crib with a gambrel roof, a design feature used for increasing storage capacity. It is representative of increased specialization in the grain feed industry during the early twentieth century in Utica Township. The ca. 1870 house is probably the second house constructed on this farm, a common occurrence due to the agricultural prosperity of the 1860s and 1870s.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Samuel Cole Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

ROLL: U-3, Frame: 31, 32



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Samuel Cole Farm Card 2 of 2	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1915
2. LOCATION SE corner of N. 2950 & E 11 Rds. Utica, Illinois (Township)	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Corn crib
5. CONDITION Fair	6. RATING Ae-3

6. CONDITION

Corn crib: Drive-through corn crib. Concrete block foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of widely spaced flush horizontal boards with asbestos shingles in gable peaks. One-and-a-half-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gable front primary elevation faces north. Gambrel roof with flared eaves covered with diamond-shaped asphalt shingles. Off-set gable-roofed loading cupola positioned east of north/south roof ridge contains six-over-six double-hung sash wood window. North elevation: Centrally located double sliding doors of flush vertical boards. Corn crib sits in the center of the farmyard south of the house with a silo and outbuildings to the east.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Samuel Cole Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Amasa O. Crosiar Farm

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2. LOCATION

S. Side Rt. 6

Utica, Illinois (Township)

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

ca. 1860

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

Farm

5. RATING

Ae-2

6. CONDITION

Good

This farmstead includes a house, a garage, a main barn, two pole barns, and a number of bunkers. House: Raised cinder-block foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior covered with aluminum siding. Two-story roughly rectangular plan. Three-bay primary elevation faces north. Hip roof covered with asphalt shingles. North elevation: Hip-roofed facade long porch with closed cinderblock railings and square wood columns has been partially enclosed and expanded on the west side of the facade. One story enclosed section features central metal bowed window with four panes. Remaining east section of porch shelters central wood twelve-light door with metal double-hung sash window to the west. Second story features double-hung sash window on the east half of facade and a paired one over one double hung sash window on the west half of the facade. The original primary elevation of this house was the east facade which has been severely altered. It now features a central aluminum door flanked by two metal bowed windows with four panes. Four evenly spaced one over one double hung sash metal windows adorn the second story. The house faces Rt. 6, marking the northern boundary of the farm yard. A pump foundation and a garage are to the west.

The original barns and outbuildings on this farm have been demolished. The house dates from ca. 1860 and has recently been altered. The main barn dates from ca. 1890. The foundation of this large farmstead was laid as early as 1834 and the land has been in the Crosiar family from this time through the 1970s. Simon Crosiar, the first settler in Utica, established a saw mill and carding machine on the Percaumsaugin Creek in section 7 of Utica Township in 1833-34. (History continues on Card 2.)

Farmed as early 1850, this is one of the earliest farmsteads found in the rural survey. The first settler in Utica Township, Simon Crosiar, staked the first claim in the township on this site in 1833. Later his son, Amasa O. Crosiar, began to farm the land. From 1850 through 1880 Crosiar was one of the largest land holders and among the most prosperous farmers in Utica township. The land was owned by the Crosiar family until at least 1970, making it one of a number of long-time family farms recorded in the survey. The farmstead has been severely altered. The ca. 1860 two-story frame house once objectified the agricultural prosperity of this farm; however, aluminum siding and recent alterations have masked all architectural integrity. The ca. 1890 main barn is not original to the farmyard, but it is representative in scale and design of the increased production and agricultural prosperity in Utica Township at the turn of the century. This large transverse frame barn is one of the few remaining early examples of the large, gambrel-roofed, multi-purpose barns which still retains its architectural integrity. Most of the original outbuildings on the farmstead no longer exist. They have been replaced by post-1940 pole barns and metal granaries. Thus, the farm yard no longer retains its traditional character.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

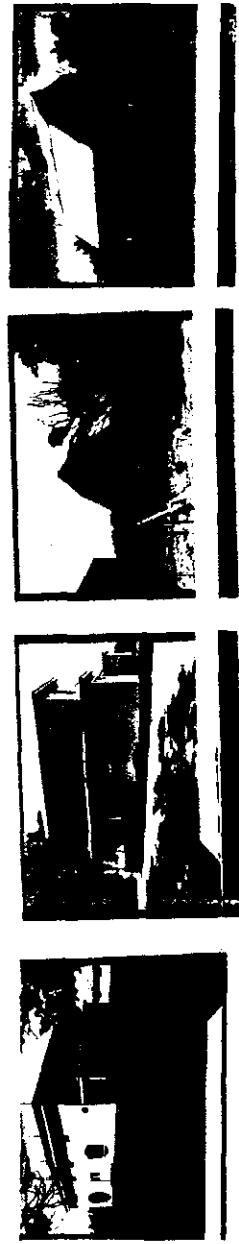
9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Anasa O. Crosiar Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

ROLL: U-6, Frame: 30, 31, 32, 33



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Amasa O. Crosiar Farm Card 2 of 2	2. LOCATION S. side Rt. 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1890
		4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Farm
		5. RATING Ae-2
6. CONDITION Good		

Main Barn: Transverse frame barn. Stone foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of clapboard siding. Two-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gambrel-front primary elevation faces east. Gambrel roof covered with corrugated metal. Gable-roof cupola with louvers. Hanging gambrel hay hood on east facade. East elevation: small central sliding door of flush vertical boards with fixed light flanked by two large sliding doors of flush vertical boards at north and south edges of the facade. One small rectangular loading door of flush vertical boards sits directly above each of these two large sliding doors. Two large rectangular loading doors are located on the north and south edges of the facade in the gable peak. Secondary southern elevation: six rectangular windows are evenly spaced across first story. Two large central sliding doors of flush vertical boards located at mid facade. Main barn sits away from the house to the west, marking the western boundary of the farmyard.

(History continued from Card 1.) : son Amasa O. Crosiar began farming the NE 1/4 of section 7 as early as 1850. He steadily increased his land holdings, and by 1863 owned most of section 7. In 1876 his farmstead consisted of a main house, a summer kitchen, a wood shed and two large German bank barns. It appears that he raised pigs, cows, sheep and horses. The 1880 agricultural schedules of Utica Township show that Amasa O. Crosiar farmed 80 acres of tilled land and 320 acres of improved meadow and he had \$250 worth of farm machinery. He owned 14 horses, 10 milk cows, 40 other cattle, 1 calf, 201 sheep, 49 lambs, 175 swine, and 100 poultry. His annual production for the year included 1152 pounds of wool, 40 tons of hay, 5000 bushels of corn, 325 bushels of oats, 243 bushels of wheat, 100 bushels of Irish potatoes, and 15 bushels of apples. Between 1889 and 1906 the property was turned over to Amasa's son, Eli I. Crosiar. By 1917 the farm was called Pecumsaugan Farm and Eli owned 308 acres in section 7. Eli and subsequently his wife Mary owned the farm through 1952. Between 1953 and 1958 Warren Crosiar (possibly the son of Eli and Mary) inherited the farm which he owned through 1970. During the mid 1970s Frank Senica purchased the property and the 1986 plat book lists the owner as Ronald Senica.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Amasa O. Crossiar Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE	O.H. Buell Farm (Mulcahy Farm)		
2. LOCATION	UTM: Starved Rock Quad, 16 N. 4576420 E. 335930 N. Dee Bennett Rd. Utica, Illinois (Township)		
3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	ca. 1870 and after		
4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)	farm		
5. CONDITION	Good - This farmstead includes a house, main barn, a corn crib and five misc. outbuildings.		
6. DESCRIPTION	<p>House: Concrete foundation. Wood frame construction, clapboard siding. Two stories, irregular plan, two bays on south (side) elevation. Combination hip and gable roof with asphalt shingles, and center gable on main facade. Two story, three-sided bay window in east bay, with one-over-one double-hung sash and cottage window with leaded glass on first floor in center. One-over-one double-hung sash on first and second story in west bay. Fixed-light window in gable peak. One-story flat-roof addition on southeast corner of main block (may be enclosed porch).</p> <p>Barn: Unknown foundation. Wood-frame construction, weatherboard exterior. Two stories, rectangular plan, three bays on south (main) elevation. Gable roof with corrugated metal covering. Central double sliding wood doors, flanked by single sliding vertical wood doors. Central hay door mid-facade. One-over-one wood-frame double-hung sash in gable peak. Located northwest of house.</p> <p>Corn Crib: Unknown foundation. Wood-frame construction. Widely spaced horizontal boards on crib area, vertical boards in gable peak. One-and-one-half stories. Rectangular plan. Three bays on south (main) facade. Front gable roof with corrugated metal roofing, two loading cupolas; conveyor attached. Central vertical-plank wood sliding wagon door. One-over-one double-hung sash frame window in gable peak. Located northwest of house.</p> <p>The house was built circa 1870, and the barn and corn crib are early twentieth century. This farmstead, located on the SE 1/4 of section 14 was owned by the estate of Nathan Cells in 1850. The land was subsequently owned by O.H. Buell, who built the house circa 1870. By 1906 S.J. Hager had purchased the farmstead and a school was situated on the property. In 1929 Elizabeth Wirtz was the owner of the property, and the school removed. John and Johanna Wirtz owned the farmstead in 1952. The current owner is the First National Bank of Ottawa, for Mr. and Mrs. Mulcahy.</p> <p>This farmstead illustrates the changing building needs of a rural lifestyle, mixing old and newer buildings. The wood frame, irregular-plan house was built circa 1870 by O.H. Buell. It retains its original architectural character with sympathetic additions to the front and side, circa 1910. The barn and corn crib are early twentieth-century constructions which maintain their integrity, and represent the diminishing number of wood frame outbuildings in Utica township.</p>		
7. HISTORICAL DATA			
8. SIGNIFICANCE			

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

O.H. Buell Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-4, Frame: 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	
Chalus Farm	est. 1900	
2. LOCATION	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)	
State Route 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)	farm	farm
	6. RATING	Am-3

E. CONDITION

Good - this farmstead includes a house, main barn, summer kitchen and other miscellaneous outbuildings.

House: Cinderblock foundation. Wood-frame construction, aluminum siding, exterior. Two stories, L-shaped plan, three bays on south (main) facade. Intersecting gable roof with asphalt shingles. Shed-roof entry porch in ell shelters glass door and vertical wood siding. Triple windows in gable front section on first story. Paired one-over-one metal frame double-hung sash in gable front with shutters, second story. Evenly spaced one-over-one double-hung sash across side gable. One-story shed-roofed addition to west facade, and one-story addition to rear (north) elevation.

Barn: Raised concrete block foundation. Wood-frame construction, asbestos shingles. Two-and-one-half stories, rectangular plan. Four bays on south (main) facade. Gable roof with flared eaves, exposed rafters, and diamond-shaped asbestos shingles. Central metal roof vent. Four evenly spaced vertical-plank dutch doors (second from east end is double door). Three four-light wood casement windows between doors. Vertical-plank loading door in second bay west. Located north of house.

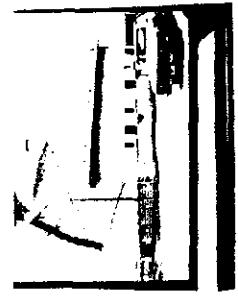
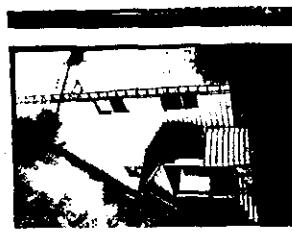
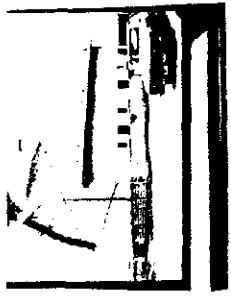
This house was probably built in the late nineteenth century, and the barn early twentieth century. Issac Bronson owned this property in 1850. By 1876 Thomas Jameson was owner of the land. In 1906 the house first appears, under the ownership of B. Chalus. Julian Chalus owned the farmstead in 1929 through 1952. Harold Chalus is the current owner.

These buildings illustrate the evolution of a farm, wherein buildings are gradually replaced and the result is a mix of older and newer buildings. The late nineteenth-century wood-frame house has been periodically altered and has been aluminum-sided. The barn dates from the early twentieth century and has had slight alterations. It represents the diminishing number of wood frame outbuildings in Utica Township.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Chalus Farm
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-5, Frame: 12, 13, 14



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE	James Clark Farm	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	ca. 1900
2. LOCATION	UTM: LaSalle Quad, 16 N. 4578840 E. 330690	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)	Farm
6. CONDITION	Good.	5. RATING	Air-3

This farmstead includes a post-1940 house, hay barn, corn crib, shed, summer kitchen and other miscellaneous outbuildings.

Hay Barn: Raised concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction, asbestos shingles. One story, rectangular plan, two bays on north (main) elevation. Gambrel roof with hanging gable hay hood, three evenly-spaced metal vents, and corrugated metal sliding door on west half of facade. Rectangular window (boarded over) on east half of front facade. Hay loft loading door of flush vertical planks in gable peak flanked by narrow six-light casement windows. Located south of house.

Corn Crib: Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction, horizontal widely-spaced planks. One story, rectangular plan, three bays on north (main) facade. Front gable roof with cupola with fixed four-light window and seamed tin roofing. Central sliding wagon door with vertical boards. Small altered window in gable peak. Located southwest of house.

Shed: Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction, corrugated metal exterior. One story, rectangular plan, three bays on east (main) facade. Gable front roof with metal roofing. Vertical-plank door in northernmost bay. Six-over-six double-hung wooden sash in center bay. Wooden two-over-two double-hung sash window in southernmost bay. Three bays on north facade, three sliding doors covered with corrugated metal. Located southwest of house.

This corn crib and shed probably date from the late nineteenth century. The barn dates from the early twentieth century. In 1850 Rockwell owned this property. By 1876 it was owned by James Clark, owner of the Utica Hydraulic Cement Company in Utica. By 1906 ownership had been transferred to the UHCC. In 1929 C.A. Cary was owner. C.W. Crosiar owned the land in 1937, through 1978. The current landowner is June Esmond.

These buildings illustrate the evolution of a farm, wherein buildings are gradually replaced and the result is a mix of older and newer buildings. The barn and shed have been altered, but maintain much of their original architectural character. The corn crib has had only slight alterations, and maintains good integrity. These buildings represent the diminishing number of wood frame outbuildings in Utica township.

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

James Clark Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-6, Frame: 26, 27, 28, 29



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

P. Clear Farm

2. LOCATION

Corner of Rt. 178 & Dee Bennett Rd.
Utica, Illinois (Township)

4. CONDITION

Poor

This farmstead includes the main barn, three sheds, a corn crib, a silo and a cylindrical wire corn storage structure. Midwest three-portal barn: Foundation unknown. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of flush vertical boards. One-and-a-half-story rectangular plan. Five-bay gable-front primary elevation faces east. Large gable roof covered with wood shingles has hanging gable hay hood on east facade. East elevation: large central double doorway (door removed) flanked by similar double doors on each side. Double hay loft doorway in gable peak (doors removed). Frame one-story shed-roof additions have been added to the north and south facades. Small frame one-story shed-roof addition in rear. There is no house on this farmstead. Main barn is centrally located south of a frame one-story drive-through corn crib. It is surrounded by small frame sheds with a silo near the west facade.

This large livestock barn was built c. 1875. The site of this barn was subdivided as early as 1863. It appears that P. Clear was the absentee landlord for the property from at least 1863 until 1888. During the first half of the twentieth century the property was part of the C.A. Cary estate. The property is currently owned by John Benya. The surrounding property functions as pasture. Remaining outbuildings suggest that the site was a livestock farm which raised enough corn to provide feed.

This farmstead is located on land that was originally part of old Utica, illustrating the fate of the original town when the canal path was moved north. The large ca. 1875 barn, although dilapidated, is an excellent and unique example of the early multi-purpose livestock barn in Utica township. The large gable roof is representative of an early attempt to increase loft storage space necessitated by increasing production from the 1850s through the turn of the century.

1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE	legal description: NW 1/4, Sec. 16	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1875
2. LOCATION	UTM: LaSalle Quad, N.4577410 E.332000	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) multi-purpose livestock barn
3. CONDITION	Ae-2	5. RATING

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

P. Clear Farm
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-4, Frame: 19



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Amasa O. Crosiar Farm

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2. LOCATION

S. side Rt. 6

Utica, Illinois (Township)

3. CONDITION

Good

Main Barn: Transverse frame barn. Stone foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of clapboard siding. Two-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gambrel-front primary elevation faces east. Gambrel roof covered with corrugated metal. Gable-roof cupola with louvers. Hanging gambrel hay hood on east facade. East elevation: small central sliding door of flush vertical boards with fixed light flanked by two large sliding doors of flush vertical boards at north and south edges of the facade. One small rectangular loading door of flush vertical boards sits directly above each of these two large sliding doors. Two large rectangular loading doors are located on the north and south edges of the facade in the gable peak. Secondary southern elevation: six rectangular windows are evenly spaced across first story. Two large central sliding doors of flush vertical boards located at mid facade. Main barn sits away from the house to the west, marking the western boundary of the farmyard.

1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
Amasa O. Crosiar Farm	c. 1890
Card 2 of 2	
2. LOCATION	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
S. side Rt. 6	Farm
Utica, Illinois (Township)	5. RATING
T. 33 R. 2 Sec. 7 N 1/2	Ae-2

7. DESCRIPTION

(History continued from Card 1.) son Amasa O. Crosiar began farming the NE 1/4 of section 7 as early as 1850. He steadily increased his land holdings, and by 1863 owned most of section 7. In 1876 his farmstead consisted of a main house, a summer kitchen, a woodshed and two large German bank barns. It appears that he raised pigs, cows, sheep and horses. The 1880 agricultural schedules of Utica Township show that Amasa O. Crosiar farmed 80 acres of tilled land and 320 acres of improved meadow and he had \$250 worth of farm machinery. He owned 14 horses, 10 milk cows, 40 other cattle, 1 calf, 201 sheep, 49 lambs, 175 swine, and 100 poultry. His annual production for the year included 1152 pounds of wool, 40 tons of hay, 5000 bushels of corn, 325 bushels of oats, 243 bushels of wheat, 100 bushels of Irish potatoes, and 15 bushels of apples. Between 1889 and 1906 the property was turned over to Amasa's son, Eli I. Crosiar. By 1917 the farm was called Pecumsaugan Farm and Eli owned 308 acres in section 7. Eli and subsequently his wife Mary owned the farm through 1952. Between 1953 and 1958 Warren Crosiar (possibly the son of Eli and Mary) inherited the farm which he owned through 1970. During the mid 1970s Frank Senica purchased the property and the 1986 plat book lists the owner as Ronald Senica.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Amasa O. Crosiar Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE William A. Crosiar Farm	2. LOCATION Card 1 of 2 N. Side Rt. 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1915
4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Farm	5. RATING Rt-3	6. CONDITION POOR

This farmstead includes a house, a garage, a corn crib, a chicken coop, a quonset hut, a shed and a number of silos and bunkers.

House: Raised concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior covered with asbestos shingles. 1 1/2 story rectangular plan. Four-bay side-gable primary elevation faces south. Gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. South elevation: Central gable-roofed dormer with paired one-over-one double-hung sash window. Inset wraparound porch supported by Tuscan columns. Aluminum door on east portion of facade flanked by one-over-one double-hung sash window with wood lintels. West part of facade has enclosed section with one-over-one double-hung sash windows. East elevation: Triple band of one-over-one double-hung sash windows on first story. Variously sized decorative windows in porch area. Gable-roof wall dormer with central one-over-one double-hung sash window and small two-light casement window on the south edge of gable peak. Rear one-story gable-roof addition has band of one-over-one double-hung sash windows. House is located on Rt. 6 marking the western boundary of the farmyard. (Description continues on Card 2.)

The house and corn crib on this farm date from ca. 1915. This property, on the SE 1/4, was originally part of the J.P. Rogers farm, from at least 1871 until 1876. By 1888, William A. Crosiar, the son of a prominent farmer and early settler of LaSalle County, Amasa O. Crosiar, owned this 160-acre farm which he called The Elms. The 1917 Breeder's Directory for LaSalle County noted William as a breeder of purebred cows, hogs, and horses. William owned the property until at least 1922. Subsequent owners include J.H. Edgecomb from 1937 through 1952, and Mrs. John Pritchard, the current owner. Corn appears to have been the major crop in the early twentieth century. Soy beans are now being raised.

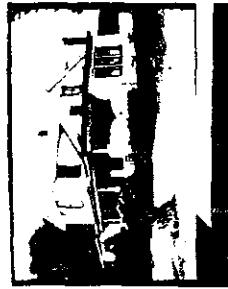
Although this farmstead was actually purchased as early as the 1870s, the buildings upon it date from the early twentieth century. It was farmed by William A. Simon for at least thirty years. The altered house is an example of early twentieth-century vernacular architecture in Utica Township. The size and design of the early twentieth-century drive-through corn crib is typical of those found in the survey and it is indicative of the ever increasing specialization in feed grain agriculture during the early twentieth century. The farm represents a good example of a complete early twentieth-century farmyard with its large corn crib, many granaries and altered house. The switch to soy beans is a twentieth-century development in Utica Township.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

William A. Crosiar Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL # FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-5, Frame: 3, 1



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(8) OF STRUCTURE William A. Crosiar Farm Card 2 of 2	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1915
2. LOCATION N. side Rt. 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Corn crib
	5. RATING AII-3

6. CONDITION

Good

Corn crib: Drive-through corn crib. Concrete pier foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of widely spaced flush horizontal board siding in the gable peaks. One-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gable-front primary elevation faces south. Gable roof covered with corrugated metal. Off-set gable-roofed loading cupola positioned west of north/south roof ridge. South elevation: Double sliding door of flush vertical boards flanked on either side by small rectangular loading areas at ground level. Four-over-four double-hung sash wood window in gable peak. Corn crib sits on the eastern boundary of the farmyard, facing Rt. 6. Numerous bunkers and outbuildings are positioned west of the site.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

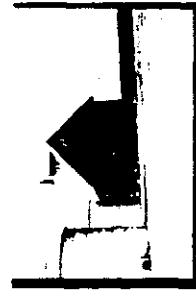
9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

William A. Crosiar Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: 5, Frame: 4



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE	Duffy Farm		
2. LOCATION	E. 12 Rd. Utica, Illinois (Township)		
3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	est. 1876		
4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)	farm		
5. RATING	Am-2		
6. CONDITION	Fair - this farmstead includes a house, barn, corn crib, three misc. outbuildings and a silo.		
7. DESCRIPTION	UTM: Starved Rock Quad, 16 N. 4577820 E. 338210		

House: Unknown foundation. Wood-frame construction, asbestos siding. Two stories, rectangular plan, three bays on north (main) elevation. Side gable, salt-box roof with asphalt shingles. Central wood door with oval window, flanked by wooden one-over-one double-hung sash windows (altered). Three evenly spaced one-over-one double-hung sash wooden windows on second story.

Barn: Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction, horizontal boards with false bevel. Two stories. Rectangular plan, three bays on south (main) elevation. Front gable roof with small hay hood, corrugated metal roofing. Two small wood doors with vertical boards on east and west ends of main facade. Two central wooden fixed windows with six lights. Large vertical-plank hay loading door in gable peak. Off-centered vertical wood load-bearing door on second story. Shed-roofed addition on north facade in ruins. Located southeast of house.

Corn Crib: Stone or concrete pier foundation. Wood frame construction. Widely spaced horizontal wood siding on exterior. One-and-one-half stories. Rectangular plan. Three bays on north (main) elevation. Front gable roof with corrugated metal. Loading cupola with four-light wood frame windows; ladder attached. Central sliding vertical wood wagon door. One-over-one double-hung sash wooden window in gable peak. Located southeast of house. House and farm buildings on an operating farm.

The house is so obscured by brush and overgrowth that it is difficult to determine its date of construction. The barn and corn crib are late nineteenth century. Michael Duffy owned the NE 1/4 of section 15 in 1876 and a house was on the site at the time. The 116 acres were owned by J. Duffy in 1906, and Walter Duffy from 1929 to the present. The house currently on the farmstead could be the same that appears on the 1876 Atlas.

These buildings illustrate the evolution of a farm, wherein buildings are gradually replaced and the result is a mix of older and newer buildings. This 116-acre farm has been owned by the same family for over 100 years. The wood-frame house is so obscured by brush that it cannot be evaluated for significance, or integrity. The barn and corn crib, although slightly altered, represent the diminishing number of characteristic wood frame outbuildings in Utica Township.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Duffy Farm
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NOJ AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
Roll: U-4, Frame: 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Cornelius W. Esmond Farm¹

Card 1 of 2

2. LOCATION

S. Side of Rt. 6
Utica, Illinois (Township)

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

ca. 1860

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

Farm

5. RATING

Ae-1

6. CONDITION
Excellent

This farmstead includes a house, smokehouse, garage, barn, two outbuildings and a silo. House: Coursed limestone foundation covered with concrete. Wood-frame construction. Exterior covered with clapboard siding. Two-story rectangular plan. Five-bay primary elevation faces north. Hip roof covered with asphalt shingles has overhanging eaves, dentils and brick interior end chimneys. North elevation: central two-story three-bay hip-roof projecting section featuring central wooden door with an oval light flanked on each side by a cottage window with two fixed lights. A hip-roofed porch with concrete floor supported by new wrought-iron columns spans the front facade. The west section of the porch is screened in. The east section has a wooden door with fixed rectangular light and a paired two-over-two double-hung sash window on the east edge of the facade. Four-over-four double-hung sash windows are evenly placed across the 2nd story facade. One-story shed roof rear addition to north facade. House fronts Rt. 6, marking the eastern boundary of the farm yard. (Description continues on Card 2.)

The house on this farm was originally a two-story square plan with a hipped roof which dated from ca. 1860. The east and west wings were later additions and it appears that the roof of the original section has been altered in the twentieth century. The original barns fell down in 1983. All that remains of the outbuildings are the smokehouse and the wood shed, which could be the original farmhouse. The farmstead has remained in the Esmond family from 1855 to the present. Cornelius W. Esmond came from New York to LaSalle County with his parents in the early nineteenth century. At the age of 22 he began working for James Clark of Utica and in 1855 he moved to an 80 acre farm on (History continued on Card 2)

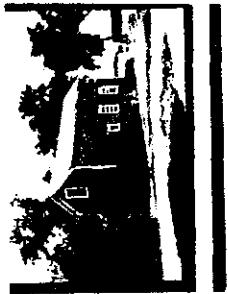
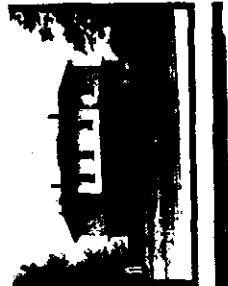
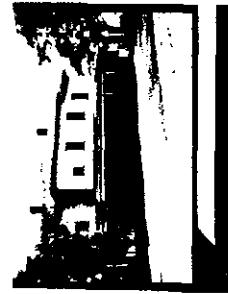
This farmstead was improved by C.W. Esmond, an early settler and a prominent land holder in Utica Township. The farm is a unique and important resource in the rural survey. Although many of the original outbuildings are gone, the farm is one of the oldest family farms remaining in Utica Township. The farm yard is characteristically positioned adjacent to the road. The functional one-and-a-half-story linear-plan shed in the rear of the main house is possibly one of three original farmhouses found in the rural survey. The brick smokehouse, significant for its round-arched roof, is also the only smokehouse in the survey. The main house, as compared with a ca. 1876 lithograph, still retains its architectural integrity as a vernacular farmhouse with Italianate influences. The relationship of the original house to the main house represents the organizational/architectural changes in the farmyard resulting from agricultural prosperity in the 1860s. The twentieth-century pole barn which replaces the original outbuildings represents current utilitarian changes in the farmyard organization/architecture; however, it intrudes upon the original farm buildings which remain.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Cornelius W. Esmond Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-5, Frame: 7, 8, 9, 10



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Cornelius W. Esmond Farm #1 Card 2 of 2	2. LOCATION S. Side of Rt. 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1860
UTM: Starved Rock Quad. 16 N. 4580340 E. 336130	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Farm	5. RATING Ae-1
Legal Description: T. 22 R. 2 Sec 2 SE 1/4		

6. CONDITION

(Description continued from Card 1)
 Smokehouse: Coursed roughcut limestone rubble foundation. Brick load-bearing construction. Exterior of common bond red brick. One-story rectangular plan. One-bay primary elevation faces west. Round arched roof with exposed wood fascia covered with sheet metal painted green. Brick exterior end chimney on east facade. Recessed metal door painted green with brick lintel alternating soldiers and headers on west facade. Smokehouse sits behind house in central farmyard area.

(History continued from Card 1)
 section 2 of Utica Township which "he bought with money saved from his wages." (LaSalle County History, 1886) By 1863 C.W. Esmond owned 160 acres in section 2 and in 1871 he added another 80 acres to his land holdings. In 1876 C.W. Esmond owned 320 acres on section 2. His farmstead consisted of a main house, a smokehouse, a wood shed, a small house, a large midwest portal barn, a grain storage crib barn, a drive-through corn crib, a shed-roof corn crib, a threshing barn and a hog barn. Crops raised appear to be corn, hay and a vegetable garden. Livestock raised include pigs, cows and horses. By 1888 C.W. Esmond owned a total of 730 acres in Utica Township. Around 1915 Amos O. Esmond, the son of Cornelius, inherited the farmstead on section 2 which he farmed until at least 1937. By 1952 the Amos O. Esmond Estate was listed under his daughter Grace's name. In the mid 1950s Harold Severson married one of the Esmond daughters and he has owned the property since that time. His daughter is now living on the farmstead in section 2. Oats and corn have been major crops on this farm since the early twentieth century and currently a corn crop is being raised.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Cornelius W. Esmond Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Cornelius W. Esmond Farm #2

Card 1 of 2

2. LOCATION

W. side of Rt. 178
Utica, Illinois (Township)

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

ca. 1870

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

Farm

5. RATING

Ae-2

6. CONDITION

Good

This farmstead includes a house, a garage, a pump, main barn, corn crib, and two other small livestock outbuildings. House: Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior covered with aluminum siding. Two-story T-plan. Seven-bay cross-gabled primary elevation faces east. Intersecting gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. Central brick chimney and interior end brick chimney on south facade. Eastern elevation: two-story projecting gable-front section with central one-story three-sided bay, has four one-over-one double-hung sash wood windows and flat roof with brackets. Second story has two evenly placed double-hung sash rectangular wood windows and small one-over-one double-hung sash attic window in gable peak. Flanking side-gable sections covered by flat-roof porch supported by Tuscan columns. South section features a central wooden door with nine lights flanked by four-over-one double-hung (Description continued on Card 2)

The house on this farm appears to date from ca. 1870, the main barn and the corn crib from ca. 1880. This 80-acre farmstead on the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of section 5 originally belonged to James Clark, an early prominent settler and landholder in Utica and Utica Township who established the Utica Hydraulic Cement Company. Clark owned the property from at least 1861 through 1867. It was probably one of Clark's numerous rental properties. Between 1877 and 1888 C.W. Esmond, a large land owner and early settler in Utica Township, added this property to his holdings. He owned the property through 1906. Between 1907 and 1917 the farm, then called the Oak Bluff Farm, was transferred to the name of O.B. Esmond (possibly a son of C.W. Esmond). O.B.'s son, Harold, inherited the property which included 80 acres and two buildings which he owned through 1929. Subsequent owners include Anton Pelizynski during the late 1930s, and then the Kreizer family from ca. 1940 through the present. Remaining outbuildings suggest that livestock and corn were raised on this farm from the late nineteenth century through the mid twentieth century.

This farmstead was established ca. 1870 by C.W. Esmond, an early farmer and prominent land owner in Utica Township. It is representative of the diverse commercialized farm which emphasized feed grains that developed in Utica Township from 1850 through the turn of the century. The two-story frame farmhouse, although altered with additions and aluminum siding, retains some architectural integrity and offers a good example of the vernacular farmhouses constructed in Utica Township during this period. The main barn is one of few remaining early examples of the large transverse frame barns constructed to accommodate increased production. The same is true of the large drive-through corn crib. Also the one-and-a-half-story frame, linear-plan shed positioned behind the main house is one of three possible original houses remaining in the township, indicating the organizational/architectural modification that occurred in the farm yard with increased prosperity. This farm yard is one of the few units which despite alteration and dilapidation retains much of its architectural integrity.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

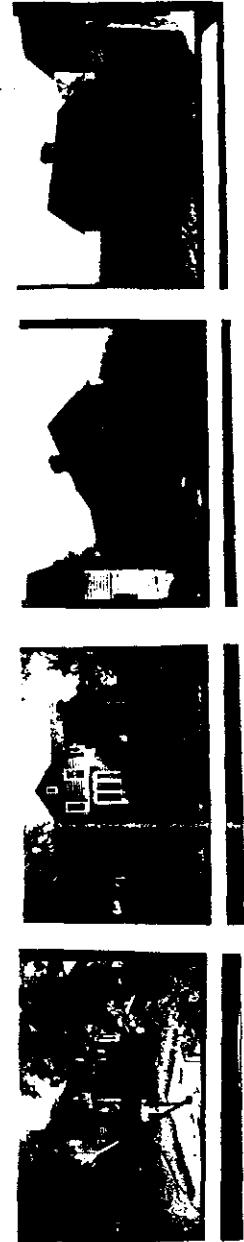
9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Cornelius W. Esmond Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-6, Frame: 2, 3, 4, 5



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Cornelius W. Esmond Farm #2 Card 2 of 2	2. LOCATION West side of Rt. 178 Utica, Illinois (Township)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1880
4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Barn/Corn crib	5. RATING Ae-2	
6. CONDITION Main Barn - Poor Corn crib - Poor		

(Continued from Card 1) sash windows. North section features a similar wood door with nine lights to the south and a cottage window with decorative header to the north. Second story features variously placed four-over-one wood double-hung sash windows mixed with one-over-one metal windows. Second story north flanking section has fixed-light oval window on south part of facade. One-story flat-roofed frame addition in rear includes a greenhouse. House fronts Rt. 178, marking the eastern boundary of the farm yard. A possible summer kitchen sits behind the house.

Main Barn: Transverse frame barn with shed-roof extension to east facade. Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior covered in clapboard siding. Two-story gable-front primary elevation faces north. Gable roof covered with wood shingles features gable-roofed cupola. North elevation: Central doorway flanked by two small rectangular windows. Doorway on east section of gable-front facade. Sliding door frame for loading on west section at mid facade. Large double hay loft doorway in gable peak. Two-bay shed-roof addition to east facade. North elevation: Large sliding door of flush vertical boards on east section of facade with small rectangular window frame to the west and large loading door frame above. West half of addition has loading door on upper portion of facade with flush vertical-board door hinged at bottom of frame. Main barn faces the drive-through corn crib, marking the southern boundary of the farm yard.

Corn Crib: Large drive-through corn crib. Coursed limestone rubble foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of widely spaced flush horizontal boards with board-and-batten sided gable peaks. One-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gable-front primary elevation faces south. Gable roof covered with corrugated metal has gable-roof loading cupola with empty window frame. South elevation: Large sliding double doorway flanked by small rectangular loading areas at ground level. Rectangular window frame in gable peak. East elevation: Two loading doors evenly spaced across facade. Corn crib sits behind the house, facing the main barn. It marks the northwestern boundary of the farm yard.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Cornelius W. Esmond Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Farm)	Owners: Richard & Gladys Streul	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION early twentieth century
2. LOCATION OFF RT. 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)	UTM: LaSalle Quad, 16 N. 4580680 E. 333100	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Farm
6. CONDITION Good.	This farmstead includes a post-1940 house, hay barn, corn crib and several miscellaneous outbuildings.	
<p>Barn: Raised cinderblock foundation. Wood-frame construction, asbestos shingles. Two stories, rectangular plan, five bays on north (main) facade. Gambrel roof with hay hood, central vent, and diamond-shaped asphalt shingles. Central wood Dutch door with adjacent fixed four-light windows, flanked by fixed four-light windows. Hay loft door flanked by fixed four-light windows, second story. Shed-roofed addition on east facade with sliding vertical-plank wagon door and fixed four-light window.</p> <p>Corn Crib: Concrete pier foundation. Wood-frame construction, widely-spaced weatherboard on crib area, false bevel in loft area. Three bays on north (main) facade. One and one-half stories. Rectangular plan, front gable roof with corrugated metal loading area. Central vertical-plank sliding wagon door flanked by small rectangular loading doors. Six-over-six wooden double-hung sash in gable peak.</p>		
<p>This barn and corn crib were probably built in the early twentieth century. Jeremiah Strawn owned the farm in 1850. By 1876, A. Cartwright owned the farmstead. W.E. Turner and Julian Chalus subsequently owned the farm. Mrs. Richard Streul Sr. owned the farmstead in 1952, and Richard and Gladys Streul are the current owners.</p>		
<p>These buildings illustrate the evolution of a farm, wherein the buildings are gradually replaced and the result is a mix of older and newer buildings. The barn and corn crib were constructed in the early twentieth century. Although some alterations have been made, for the most part the buildings retain their historic appearance. These buildings represent the diminishing number of wood-frame outbuildings in Utica Township.</p>		
1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Farm)	7. DESCRIPTION	8. SIGNIFICANCE
2. LOCATION OFF RT. 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)		
6. CONDITION Good.		

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Farm Photos (w/ film roll & frame no.) and sketch map of location

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Farm)	owners: John Goskusky & Phyllis Jones			3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION early 1900's
2. LOCATION N. Dee Bennett Road Utica, Illinois (Township)	UTM: Starved Rock Quad, 16 N.4576440 E.334770	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) farm	6. RATING Am-2	

6. CONDITION
Fair.

This farmstead includes a mobile home, livestock barn, corn crib and two miscellaneous outbuildings.

Barn: Unknown foundation. Wood-frame construction, vertical-plank siding; corrugated metal siding on west facade. One and one-half story. Rectangular plan, one bay on south (main) elevation. Gable roof with gabled hay hood and corrugated metal roofing. Wide central double door on first story, and central hay loft door on second story. Located east of corn crib.

Corn Crib: Unknown foundation. Wood-frame construction. Widely-spaced horizontal siding. One-and-one-half story. Square plan. One bay on south (main) elevation. Gable roof with corrugated metal roofing. Asymmetrical double doors. Located west of barn. Farm buildings on an operating farm.

No house remains on this farmstead. The barn and corn crib date from the early twentieth century. C.M. Buell owned the property on the SW 1/4 section 15 in 1876 and a house was there. The farmstead was owned in 1906 by William Mitchell and from 1929 to 1952 by John Hannah. The house was razed during Hannah's tenure. The land was subsequently owned by Roland Hanna and from 1976 to the present by John Goskusky and Phyllis Jones. The presence of a livestock barn indicates that animals were raised on the farm. Corn has been raised on the site, and is currently under cultivation.

These buildings illustrate the evolution of a farm, wherein buildings are gradually replaced and the result is a mix of older and newer buildings. This barn and corn crib are in fair condition. They have had some alterations but retain much of their early 1900's appearance. They represent the diminishing number of wood-frame outbuildings in Utica Township, being replaced by pole barns.

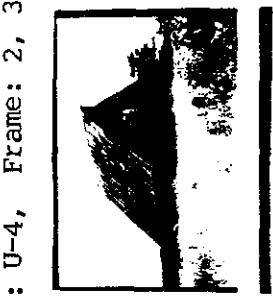
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8. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Farm

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Farm)	Owner: Paul Riebe	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION early twentieth century
2. LOCATION E. 11 Rd. Utica, Illinois (Township)	UIM: Starved Rock Quad, 16 N. 4580630 E. 336650	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) farm
6. CONDITION Good - this farmstead includes a house, corn crib and two garages.		5. RATING Am-3

6. CONDITION
Good - this farmstead includes a house, corn crib and two garages.

House: Concrete foundation. Load-bearing brick construction set in stretcher-bond brick. One story, rectangular plan, three bays on east (main) elevation. Jerkinhead roof with asphalt shingles. Enclosed brick porch with wood and glass door and segmental arch containing four two-over-one double-hung sash wood-frame windows in central and south bays. Four three-over-one double-hung sash wooden bungalow windows in north bay. Hip-roof dormers with paired three-over-one double-hung sash wooden windows on north and south elevation.

Corn Crib: Concrete pier foundation. Wood-frame construction with weatherboards. Two stories, rectangular plan, three bays on east (main) elevation. Gambrel roof with asphalt shingles, and cupola with side gable and six-over-six wooden double-hung sash. Central sliding double wagon doors. Paired six-over-six double-hung sash wooden windows in gambrel peak, located west of house. House and corn crib on working farm.

This house and corn crib date from the early twentieth century. Isaac Bronson owned this farmstead in 1850. By 1876 A.O. Crosiar, a descendant of a pioneer of Utica, and a farmer with extensive holdings, owned the property. K.W. Leland owned the land in 1906, and Albert Cole in 1929. Ernest Cole subsequently owned the land, and the current owner is Paul Riebe.

This representative of an early twentieth-century farm retains its bungalow-style house, which is one of two brick farmhouses in Utica Township. The corn crib, which retains much of its historic appearance, represents a diminishing number of wood frame outbuildings in Utica township.

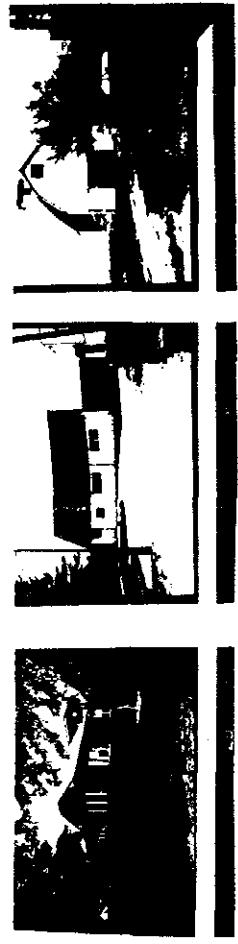
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8. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

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11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

ROLL: U-3, Frame: 29, 30, 31



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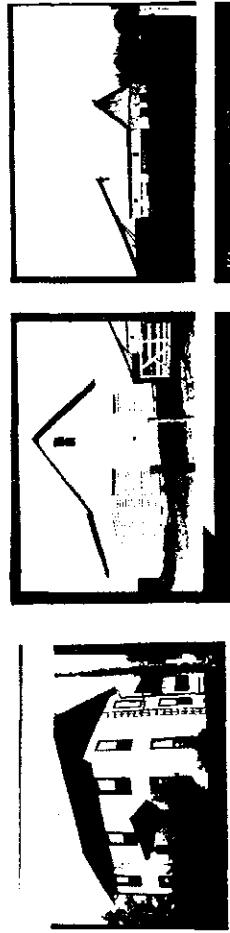
HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Farm)	owner: Mike & Josephine Senica		
2. LOCATION Rt. 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION late nineteenth century	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) farm	5. RATING Am-2
<p>6. CONDITION Good - this farmstead is comprised of a house, barn, corn crib, and two misc. outbuildings.</p> <p>House: Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction, aluminum siding. Two stories. Rectangular plan, small addition on rear. Three bays on east (main) facade. Side-gabled roof with asphalt shingles. Central wooden door with hipped entry porch and brick stoop flanked by one-over-one double-hung sash aluminum-frame windows. Three evenly spaced one-over-one aluminum-frame double-hung sash windows on second story. One-story, three-sided bay with cottage window with leaded-glass header on south facade.</p> <p>Barn: Raised concrete-block foundation. Wood-frame construction, asbestos siding. One story, rectangular plan. Three bays on south (main) facade. Central vertical-wood dutch door. Vertical-wood hay loft loading door in gable peak and two vertical-wood loading doors in mid-facade. Located northwest of house.</p> <p>Corn Crib: Concrete foundation. One story. Widely spaced horizontal-wood boards on lower half, asbestos shingles upper half. Rectangular plan, three bays on south (main) facade. Gable roof with asphalt shingles. Central vertical wood sliding double doors. Modified six-over-six wooden double-hung sash window in gable peak. Located west of house.</p>			
7. DESCRIPTION			
7. HISTORICAL DATA		8. SIGNIFICANCE	
<p>This house was probably built in the late nineteenth century. The barn and corn crib date from the early twentieth century. Zenas Dickinson, active in township government, owned this property in 1850. By 1876, G. Roger was the landowner. David Myer owned the land in 1906, when the house first appears on an atlas, through 1929. Luella Meyer owned the land in 1952. The current owners are Mike and Josephine Senica.</p> <p>This farmstead illustrates the changing building needs of a rural lifestyle, mixing old and new buildings. The late nineteenth-century house has Georgian features. It has been altered and additions made, but it retains integrity. The barn and corn crib retain their early twentieth-century integrity, and represent a diminishing number of wood-frame outbuildings.</p>			

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
U-5-18, 19, 20, 21



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Farm)	Owner: Marion & Ida Veszain			3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	ca. 1900
2. LOCATION Off Rt. 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)	UTM: LaSalle Quad, 16 N. 4580260 E. 330210			4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Farm	
6. CONDITION Good.				5. RATING A-II-3	

This farmstead includes a house, corn crib and two miscellaneous outbuildings.

House: Unknown foundation. Wood-frame construction, aluminum siding. One story, rectangular plan, side gable roof with asphalt shingles. Shed-roof addition on east (main) elevation. Four bays on west elevation. Central aluminum door flanked by aluminum one-over-one double-hung sash. One-over-one double-hung sash in southernmost bay.

Corn Crib: Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction, horizontal wood boards, with corrugated metal patching. One story, rectangular plan, three bays on south (main) elevation. Gable roof with corrugated metal covering. Central sliding vertical-plank wagon door. Fixed six-light window in east bay. Located south of house.

These buildings illustrate the evolution of a farm, wherein buildings are gradually replaced and the result is a mix of older and newer buildings. The corn crib is probably early twentieth century. Patrick Nary owned the farmstead in 1850. By 1876 T. Manley owned the land. A. Smith owned the farmstead in 1906 at which time a house appears. Subsequent owners were A.B. McDowell, Loretta McDowell, A.B. McDowell, and current owners Marion and Ida Veszain.

This farmstead illustrates the changing building needs of a rural lifestyle, mixing old and newer buildings. The late nineteenth-century house has been altered and aluminum-sided. The corn crib has been somewhat altered, but retains much of its early 1900's appearance. The corn crib also represents the diminishing number of wood-frame outbuildings in the township.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

ROLL: U-6, Frame: 17, 18, 19

NOTE: ALL THREE FRAMES ARE SEVERELY OVEREXPOSED.

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Farm)	Unimin Corp.	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	late nineteenth century
2. LOCATION	UTM: Starved Rock Quad, 16 N. 4580380 E. 333950	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)	Farm
5. CONDITION	Good	6. HISTORICAL DATA	
7. DESCRIPTION	This farmstead includes a house, corn crib, summer kitchen and several miscellaneous outbuildings.		

House: Raised cinderblock foundation. Wood-frame construction. aluminum siding. Two stories. L-shaped plan. Five bays on north (main) facade. Cross-gabled roof with asphalt shingles. Door in ell boarded over, protected by gable-roofed porch with asphalt shingles and simple wood turned posts. Four one-over-one wood frame double-hung sash windows evenly placed on first story (two boarded up). Four three-over-three evenly spaced wood frame double-hung sash on second story (three boarded up).

Corn Crib: Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Widely spaced horizontal siding on lower half, false bevel siding in gable peak. One-and-one-half stories. Rectangular plan. Three bays on north (main) facade. Low-pitched front-gabled roof with corrugated metal covering. Cross-gabled rectangular loading cupola with six-over-two double-hung sash wooden windows. Central vertical wood sliding wagon door protected by pent roof. Wooden window (knocked out) in gable peak. Located northeast of house.

This house and barn probably date from the late nineteenth century. William Simmons owned this land in 1850. By 1876 H. Clement owned the farmstead. John Shortell owned the land in 1906, when the house first appeared, through 1952. It is currently owned by Unimin Corp.

This representative of a late nineteenth-century farm retains its house, which has been altered and aluminum-sided. The corn crib maintains much of its integrity, and the wood-frame building represents the diminishing number of wood-frame outbuildings in Utica Township.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL: U-5, Frame: 26, 27, 28, 29



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

E. P. Ferray Farm

Card 1 of 2

2. LOCATION

S. End of E. 7 Rd.

Utica, Illinois (Township)

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

ca. 1880

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

Farm

5. RATING

Ae-3

6. CONDITION

Good

Farmstead includes a house with small outbuildings, a main barn, corn crib and garage.

House: Raised concrete foundation, stuccoed over. Wood-frame construction. Exterior covered with vinyl siding. One-and-a-half-story rectangular plan. Two-bay gable-front primary elevation faces east. Gable roof covered with asphalt shingles features a small gable-roofed dormer on the north and south facades and a central brick chimney. East elevation: Central four-panel wood door sheltered by simple flat-roof entry porch supported by thin square posts. Narrow one-over-one double-hung sash metal window to the south. Second story has two narrow one-over-one double-hung sash metal windows closely spaced. South elevation: three-sided shed-roof bay with one-over-one double-hung sash metal windows. Outdoor cellar entryway. Gable-roof and shed-roof addition to the rear. Farmstead has a long access road. House faces a corn field, marking the eastern boundary of the farmyard. (Description continues on Card 2.)

The house, the barn and the corn crib appear to date from ca. 1888. This small farmstead was originally part of the large Amasa O. Crosiar Farmstead. Amasa O. Crosiar was the son of the first settler in Utica, Simon Crosiar. Amasa was born in Ohio and arrived in LaSalle County with his father in 1828 at the age of 11. By 1860 he owned almost of section 7 in Utica Township and he was a well-known farmer, stock raiser and breeder. Between 1877 and 1906 this 40 acre farm was separated from the large Crosiar farmstead and sold to E.P. Ferray. Ferray appears to have been an absentee landowner. By 1917 Martin and Stella Konieczny had purchased this small farm. The Konieczny family owned the property until at least 1952. Between 1952 and 1958 Charles Wisniewski purchased the farm. The current owners, Charles and Audrey Burgess, purchased the property after 1978. The house, the barn and the corn crib date from ca. 1890. It appears that corn and livestock were raised on this small farm. Currently the 106-acre farm is rented and there is a corn crop.

This small ca. 1880 farm has little architectural or historical significance; however, it is representative of the diverse commercialized farm which developed in Utica Township from 1850 through the turn of the century. The one-and-a-half-story frame house, although similar in scale and design to many of the farmhouses surveyed, has lost much of its architectural integrity due to alterations and vinyl siding. The transverse frame barn is similar in scale and design to many of the late nineteenth-century barns surveyed. And, although dilapidated, the large corn crib is one of a few early examples of the drive-through corn crib without the loading cupola.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
E. P. Ferray Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
Roll: U-6, Frame: 20, 21, 22, 23, 24



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE E. P. Ferray Farm Card 2 of 2	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1880
2. LOCATION S. end of E. 7 Rd. Utica, Illinois (Township)	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Farm
	5. RATING Ae-3
6. CONDITION Main barn - Fair Corn crib - Poor	

Main Barn: Transverse frame barn. Stone pier foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of false bevel horizontal board siding. One-story rectangular plan. Two-bay gable-front primary elevation faces east. Gable roof covered with corrugated metal. East elevation: Large sliding door of flush vertical boards on north half of facade. Hinged door of flush vertical boards on south half of facade. Central rectangular loading door of flush vertical boards at mid facade. Main barn sits northwest of the house, marking the western boundary of the farmyard.

Corn Crib: Drive-through corn crib. Stone pier foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of widely spaced flush horizontal boards with weatherboard in the gable peaks. One-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gable-front primary elevation faces north. Gable roof covered with both corrugated metal and rolled asphalt. Roof loading box covered with rolled asphalt. North elevation: Large central sliding door frame. Shed-roof addition of flush vertical boards on west facade. Corn crib sits behind the house to the west, marking the southwest boundary of the farmyard.

7. DESCRIPTION 8. HISTORICAL DATA 9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

E. P. Ferray Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Fuller Farm

2. LOCATION

Rt. 6
Utica, Illinois (Township)

owner: Louise Green

UTM: LaSalle Quad,
16 N.4580370. E.336480

farm
6. RATING
Am-3

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

early twentieth century

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

farm

6. CONDITION

Good - this farmstead is composed of a house, barn and two miscellaneous outbuildings.

House: Raised cinderblock foundation. Wood-frame construction, aluminum siding, one story. Square plan, three bays on north (main) facade. Hipped roof with asphalt shingles. Central aluminum door with three concrete steps flanked by aluminum frame double-hung sash paired and tripled windows. Central hipped-roof dormer on second story with two fixed-light windows.

Barn: Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction, clapboard siding. One-and-one-half stories. Rectangular plan. Three bays on east (main) elevation. Side-gable roof, hay hood on north facade with wood shingles. Three evenly spaced vertical-wood sliding doors (middle door altered to dutch door). Located northeast of house.

This house and barn were probably built in the early twentieth century. This property was owned by Issac Bronson in 1850. By 1876 George Fuller owned the farmstead. H.A. Fuller owned the land in 1906 at which time the house first appears. Susanna Meyers owned the land in 1929, and by 1952 Luella Meyers was landowner. Louise Green purchased the property from Al Ferrar in 1965, and is the current owner.

This representative of an early twentieth-century farm retains the house, which has been altered, but retains integrity, and the barn, which retains its integrity, and represents a diminishing number of wood-frame outbuildings.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Fuller Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Thomas Hallett Farm

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
ca. 1880

2. LOCATION
N. side of N. 2803 Rd.
Utica, Illinois (Township)

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
Farm

5. RATING
Am-3

6. CONDITION
Good

This farmstead includes a house, a barn, a corn crib, a garage and a shed.

House: New concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior covered with asbestos shingles. Two-story L-shaped plan with additions. Intersecting gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. Wide frieze board covered with aluminum. Central brick chimney. Three-bay primary elevation faces east. Hip-roofed enclosed porch in ell is an addition. New wood door in porch flanked by rectangular awning windows. Gable-front section has Chicago-style metal window. Second story features original wood two-over-two double-hung sash windows evenly spaced about house. One-story hip-roof addition on west facade. House is located on eastern boundary of farmyard fronting north 2803 Rd. A small garage is located in the rear of the house.

Corn crib: Concrete pier foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of widely spaced flush horizontal boards with vinyl siding in gable peaks. One-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gable-front primary elevation faces east. Gable roof covered with corrugated metal has a gable-roofed loading cupola. Eastern facade: large sliding double door of flush vertical boards flanked by rectangular loading areas on ground level. Window in gable peak boarded over. Corn crib marks the western boundary of the farmyard, facing N. 2803 Rd.

The house on this 50-acre farm appears to have been built ca. 1890 and the corn crib c. 1915. From 1836 until at least 1872 this property was part of the J.W. Simmons farmstead; however, it was listed as unimproved in the 1871 assessor's records of Utica Township. From 1876 through 1888, 80 acres and a building were included in the Thos. Hallett Estate. By 1905 Robert Scott owned the farmstead. In 1915 the property belonged to George Bennett and, according to the 1917 directory of La Salle County, D.A. Bennett was tenant on 200 acres of this farm. From 1929 through 1937 D.A. Bennett owned the property. Isabella Anderson, the present owner, has owned the property since at least 1952. Probably corn has been the major crop on this farm since the turn of the century.

It appears that this property was originally owned by J.W. Simmons for speculative purposes during the early settlement era of Utica Township. The farm was not actually improved until the mid 1870s. The ca. 1880 two-story altered farmhouse objectifies the original improvement of the farm. The later ca. 1915 drive-through corn crib relates to the development of feed grain specialization with an emphasis on corn during the early twentieth century. Characteristically located along the road, the farmstead is typical in scale, organization and design to many of the farms surveyed in the Township.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Thomas Hallet Farm
Roll: U-3, Frame: 7, 8, 9

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Orson Hallett Farm
(Card 1 of 2)

2. LOCATION
South side of N. 2803 Rd.
Utica, Illinois (Township)

3. CONDITION

Good.

This farmstead includes a house, a main barn, a corn crib, and a garage.

House: Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior covered with aluminum siding. Two-story, L-shaped. Three-bay primary elevation faces north. Intersecting gable covered with asphalt shingles. Central polychromed brick chimney on eastern two-story section. Interior brick chimney on south side of western wing. Altered front facade has metal Chicago-style windows with shutters on first and second stories of two-story section. Three variably placed one-over-one double-hung sash metal windows with shutters on one-story wing. Numerous additions include one-story flat-roofed addition and a one-story gable-roof addition to southern facade of two-story section. House is located on the eastern boundary of the farmyard, fronting north on 2803 Rd. There is a frame garage in the rear.

The house on this 270-acre farm dates from the turn of the century. The main barn, which was used for livestock, and the corn crib date from ca. 1915. William Simmons, a Kentucky native and early settler in Utica Township, farmed this property as early as 1850 until at least 1872. From 1888 until at least 1929 Orson Hallett owned the property, then called the Pine Glen Farm. From 1932 until 1952 Edward Carpenter owned the farm. Currently the site is owned by the Unimin Corporation and is rented. The major crop appears to have been corn since at least ca. 1900.

Although this farm was improved as early as 1850, the current buildings are later additions, representing the functional nature of farm buildings. Once buildings were outdated they were replaced. It is typical as in this case that the house predates the more utilitarian farm buildings. This farmstead, characteristically located along the road, with its ca. 1890 altered two-story frame, aluminum-sided house and ca. 1915 transverse frame barn and drive-through corn crib is similar in scale, design and organization to a large number of farmsteads surveyed in the township. It is representative of agricultural growth at the turn of the century, however alterations intrude upon the traditional character of the farm yard.

4. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

legal description: T.33 R.2NW 1/4,
Sec 10

UTM: LaSalle Quad, 16 N. 4579460
E.333760

5. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
farm
6. RATING
Am-3

7. DESCRIPTION

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
ca. 1890 ca. 1915
4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

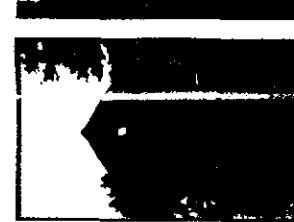
8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Orson Hallett Farm
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-4, Frame: 22, 23, 24,



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Orson Hallett Farm
Card 2 of 2

2. LOCATION

South side N 2803 Rd.
Utica, Illinois (Township)

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

ca. 1915

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

Farm

5. RATING

Am-3

6. CONDITION

Main Barn: - Good Corn Crib - Fair

Main barn: Transverse frame barn. Raised poured-concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Weatherboard siding above foundation. Two-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gable-front primary elevation faces north. Gable roof covered with corrugated metal & hanging gable hay hood north facade. North elevation: three evenly spaced flush vertical-board dutch doors adorn first story, western door has been replaced by a metal one-over-one double-hung sash window. Double hay loft doors in gable peak have been replaced by a rectangular fixed window. Barn is located in the eastern boundary of the farm yard, facing north on 2803 Rd.

Drive-through corn crib: Concrete pier foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of widely spaced flush horizontal board siding, with weatherboard in gable peaks. One-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gable-front primary elevation faces north. Gable roof covered with corrugated metal has a offset gable roof loading cupola with six-over-six double-hung sash wood window. North elevation: Central double doorway (door removed) flanked by small rectangular loading areas on the ground level. Wood six-over-six double-hung sash window adorns gable peak. Corn crib is centrally located in the farm yard between the house and the main barn, facing north on 2803 Rd.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Orson Hallett Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE	
John Johnson Farm	
Card 1 of 2	

2. LOCATION	
East side E. 7 Rd. Utica, Illinois (Township)	

6. CONDITION

Good

This farmstead includes a house, a garage, a house-related outbuilding, a privy, a main barn, two corn cribs, a quonset hut storage facility, an octagonal chicken coop, two other chicken coops and three miscellaneous outbuildings. House: Raised stone foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior clad in vinyl siding. One-and-a-half-story L-shaped plan, four-bay primary elevation faces west. Intersecting gable roof covered with diamond-shaped asphalt shingles. West elevation: one-story enclosed porch in ell features central door flanked on each side by two three-over-one double-hung sash craftsman windows. North gable-front section features paired three-over-one double-hung sash craftsman windows on first story and three-over-one double-hung sash craftsman window in gable peak on second story, second story of wing features three evenly spaced three-over-one double-hung sash craftsman windows, one-story rear addition. The house fronts on Rt. 28 (Utica Rd.) marking the western boundary of the farm yard. (Description continues on Card 2.)

7. DESCRIPTION

The house, main barn and corn crib #1 on this farm date from ca. 1890. Corn crib #2 dates from ca. 1915. This 80 acre farm was originally part of the land owned by Jeremiah Hess, an early settler in Utica Township. Between 1889 and 1906 John Johnson purchased the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of section 8. The farmstead, called the Fairview Farm in 1917, is still owned by the Johnson Family. The LaSalle Breeder's Directory lists John Johnson as a breeder of pure-bred Holstein Cattle. During the 1930s the farmstead increased to 160 acres. Sometime in the early 1950s John Johnson's children, Esther, Mamie and Fred, inherited the land. Documentation suggest that Fred Johnson farmed the land from that period until the mid-1970s. Remaining outbuildings suggest that chickens and other livestock and corn were raised on the property since its improvement. Currently the farm is vacant.

This turn-of-the-century farm, characteristically positioned adjacent to the road, provides an excellent example of the traditional farm yard in Utica Township. Although a late example, it is one of the few farms which still has the majority of its original outbuildings. It is a model representative in scale, organization and design of the diverse commercial farm which developed in Utica township during the nineteenth century. The one-and-a-half-story frame house, although altered with aluminum siding and additions, is typical of the traditional vernacular farmhouses constructed in Utica Township from the 1860s through the turn of the century. The small transverse frame barn, one of few with board-and-batten siding, is characteristic of the multi-purpose livestock barns constructed in the township from the mid nineteenth century through the early twentieth century. The two drive-through corn cribs are also typical farm yard structures in Utica Township and they are indicative of increased corn production and specialization in the feed grain agriculture which developed in the township through the turn of the century. This is one of few farm yards surveyed which retains its architectural integrity as a unit.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	
ca. 1890	
4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)	
Farm	
6. RATING	
Am-2	

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

John Johnson Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-7, Frame: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
John Johnson Farm
Card 2 of 2

2. LOCATION
East side E.7
Utica, Illinois (Township)

6. CONDITION
Main barn: Good

Both corn cribs - Good

Main Barn: Transverse frame barn). Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Painted white. One-story, rectangular plan, three-bay gable-front primary elevation faces north. Gable roof covered with corrugated metal. North elevation: Two central wood doors of flush vertical boards, east door is dutch, west door is hinged. In between these central doors is a small rectangular loading door. The facade has a sliding board and batten door. A central hay loft door of board-and-batten construction is located at mid facade. South elevation: three evenly spaced wood doors, a central hay loft door at mid facade and a small central two-light window. The main barn marks the southern boundary of the farm yard, sitting parallel to Utica Rd. (Rt. 28).

Corn Crib: Drive-through corn crib. Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Spaced flush horizontal boards with asbestos shingles in the gable peak. One-story rectangular plan. Gable roof covered with corrugated metal. Features a gable roof loading cupola with two-over-two double-hung sash window. North elevation: Central double sliding door of flush vertical boards flanked by two small rectangular loading areas. Two-over-two double-hung sash wood window adorns gable peak. This corn crib is centrally located in the farmyard, northeast of the main barn. There is a similar corn crib on the far eastern boundary of the farm yard.

1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
John Johnson Farm	ca. 1890
2. LOCATION	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
East side E.7	Farm
Utica, Illinois (Township)	5. RATING
	Ae-2

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE John Johnson Farm

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE John Johnson Farm (Corn Crib)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1915
2. LOCATION South side of Route 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) corn crib
5. DESCRIPTION UTM: LaSalle Quad, 16 N. 4580610 E. 331000 Legal Description: T.33 R.2 Sec.5 SW1/4	6. RATING Am-3

6. CONDITION
Good.

Drive-through corn crib. Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction with widely-spaced flush horizontal boards with vertical siding in the gable peaks. One-story, rectangular plan. Three-bay gable front, primary elevation faces north. Gable roof covered with corrugated metal featuring a gable-roofed loading cupola. North elevation has double sliding door of flush vertical boards. Two-light window in gable peak. Corn crib is located on the south side of Route 6, facing the John Brennan Farm.

7. DESCRIPTION

This isolated corn crib was built ca. 1915. It is unclear who owned the original farm; however, by 1929 the property belonged to John Johnson, a farmer on section 8 in Utica Township. He was noted for breeding Holstein cattle. It appears that this property has been used to raise corn since the early twentieth century.

This isolated corn crib has little historical significance, although it is representative of typical corn crib design after the turn of the century. It appears that it was constructed by John Johnson ca. 1915, reflecting increased corn production and specialization in feed grain agriculture during the early twentieth century.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

John Johnson Corn Crib
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Joseph Kinzer Farm Card 1 of 2	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1900
2. LOCATION N. Side Rt. 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Farm
5. RATING Am-3	

6. CONDITION
Good

This farmstead includes a house, two barns and a corn crib.

House: Cinderblock foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior covered with aluminum siding. Two-story roughly rectangular plan. Three-bay primary elevation faces south. Multiple-gabled roof covered with asphalt shingles. South elevation: Shed-roof wrap-around porch supported by Tuscan columns shelters central metal door with rectangular plate-glass window to the east and rectangular fixed window flanked by casement windows to the west. Second story has a central three-sided tent-roofed oriel with one-over-one double-hung sash metal windows. East gable peak has paired one-over-one double-hung sash metal window. West gable peak has two single one-over-one double-hung sash metal windows. East elevation: two-story projecting section. One-story rear addition to the south elevation. The house fronts Rt. 6, marking the southern edge of the farm yard. (Description continued on Card 2.)

The house and the corn crib on this farm date from the turn of the century. The main barn dates from c. 1925. In 1871 Mathew Rifle owned 80 improved acres on the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 section 3. By 1876 J.P. Crosiar, the son of Simon Crosiar, the first settler in Utica, owned all of the NW 1/4 of section 3 which consisted of 160 acres and two buildings. By 1888 Joseph Kinzer owned 80 acres of E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 3. In 1917 his farm, called The Maples, had increased to include all of the NW 1/4 of section 3 and it was farmed by a tenant, D.J. Kinzer (probably a relative). The property has remained in the Kinzer family through the present. Joseph Kinzer owned the farm until at least 1932 at which time his son Lawrence took over the farm. Lawrence owned the farm through 1952, although acreage had decreased to 80 acres. The property is currently owned by Russell Kinzer. Outbuildings suggest that the major crop has been corn since the turn of the century; however, soy beans are currently being raised.

This farm is one of a number of family farms in Utica Township. Characteristically located along the road, the farmstead is similar in scale, organization and design to the majority of other farmsteads surveyed in Utica Township. Although the turn-of-the-century house has lost much of its original integrity to additions and aluminum siding, it is the only farmhouse surveyed with a decorative oriel. The turn-of-the-century corn crib, despite modifications, is typical of the drive-through corn crib design and the main barn is a later example of the gambrel-roof multi-purpose livestock barn. This farm yard has lost much of its historical character through alterations to remaining buildings and the removal of other traditional outbuildings. However, it is representative of the specialized feed grain agriculture which began to develop at the turn of the century. And, its stark and deserted appearance is suggestive of the character of the contemporary farm yard in Utica Township.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Joseph Kinzer Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
Roll: U-5, Frame: 22, 23, 24, 21



12. SOURCES
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Joseph Kinzer Farm

Card 2 of 2

2. LOCATION

N. Side of Rt. 6

Utica, Illinois (Township)

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

c. 1925, c. 1900

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

Farm

5. RATING

Avg-3

6. CONDITION

Main Barn - Good

Corn Crib - Fair

Main barn: Transverse frame barn. Raised concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior covered with asbestos shingles. One-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gambrel front primary elevation faces south. Gambrel roof covered with corrugated metal. Hanging gambrel bay hood on south facade. Central metal roof vent. South elevation: two wood garage doors with four fixed lights on west half of facade. Two small four-light wood windows adorn east and west edges of gable peak. One-story gable-roofed addition to east facade features a three-panel wood door with fixed light.

Corn crib: Drive-through corn crib. Concrete-block foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of east section and gable peak covered with corrugated metal; west section with widely spaced horizontal boards. One-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gable-front primary elevation faces south. Gable roof covered with corrugated metal with altered metal roof vent. South elevation: Double sliding door of flush vertical boards painted red.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Joseph Kinzer Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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12. SOURCES

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE John T. Mangnall Farm	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1925
2. LOCATION N. Mill Street Utica, Illinois (Township)	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Farm
5. RATING Am-3	
6. CONDITION Good	

This farmstead includes a house, 2 barns, and 3 miscellaneous outbuildings.

House: Concrete foundation. Brick load-bearing construction. Exterior of vertically-tooled brown strettcher-bond brick, one-story rectangular plan. Primary elevation faces east. Wide-eaved intersecting gable roof covered with asphalt shingles features large brackets, a central brick chimney and a brick end wall chimney on the south facade. East elevation: one-story projecting gable-front section features a band of twelve wood casement windows with ten lights. Rectangular fixed window in gable peak. Wooden door on south wall in ell has a ten-light wood casement window to the west. Paired four-over-one double-hung sash craftsman window adorns the east wall in the ell. Ell features a raised concrete entry way with enclosed brick railing. House sits back off the road, marking the northeastern boundary of the farmyard.

Barn: Concrete foundation. Load-bearing construction. Vertically-tooled clay-tile construction, one-and-a-half-story rectangular plan. Three-bay primary elevation faces east. Gambrel-roof cupola with louvers serves as vent. Wagon door of flush vertical boards on north section of primary elevation has cutout window. Shed-roof dormer contains hay loft door of flush vertical boards. Secondary north facade has rectangular hay loft door of flush vertical boards with concrete lintel and lugsill in gable peak, two evenly spaced four-light wood casement windows adorn first story. Barn sits on the southern boundary of the farmyard, surrounded by various other small outbuildings.

The house and small barn on the site date from ca. 1925. This small 13 1/2-acre farm has remained the same size since at least 1861. The unimproved property was owned by George Fuller and then his wife Mary from 1858 thru 1906. John T. Mangnall owned the property from 1929 until at least 1976. Documentation suggests that the site has been rented since its improvement. Remaining outbuildings indicate that this was a small subsistence farm.

This small suburban farmstead has little architectural or historical significance in relation to agricultural development in Utica Township. The ca. 1925 complex is more suburban than rural. The complex is not representative in scale, organization or design to the majority of farmsteads surveyed in Utica Township.

7. DESIGN/CAL DATA

8. HISTORICAL DATA

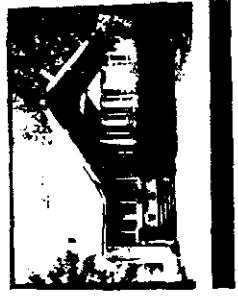
9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

John T. Magnall Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-7, Frame: 10, 11



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Alice Neary House

2. LOCATION
S. side of N. 2803 Rd.
Utica, Illinois (Township)

1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
Alice Neary House	ca. 1890
2. LOCATION	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
S. side of N. 2803 Rd.	Residence
Utica, Illinois (Township)	5. RATING
	SM-3

6. CONDITION
Fair. This site includes a house and a garage.

House: Raised concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior covered with asbestos shingles. One-and-a-half-story rectangular plan. Symmetrical three-bay gable-front primary elevation faces north. Gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. North elevation: central metal door flanked by metal one-over-one double-hung sash windows with wood frames. Paired rectangular metal one-over-one double-hung sash in gable peak. East elevation: gable roofed two-story projecting section with a three-sided bay on the first story. West elevation: gable-roofed wall dormer with paired one-over-one double-hung sash windows and wood frames. One-story frame hip-roofed addition. A small garage is located to the rear. The house faces north on 2803 Rd.

7. DESCRIPTION

The house on this site dates from ca. 1890. This small piece of property and house appear to be a portion of what was originally a large family farm complex owned by the Neary family from as early as 1850 until at least 1952. Currently the house is owned by Marvin Applebee and there is no evidence of farm activity on the site.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

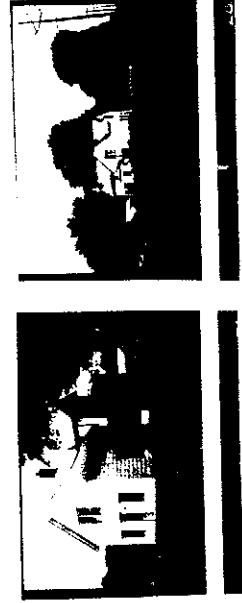
This property belonged to the Neary family for approximately 100 years. It is representative of the longevity of the family farm in Utica Township. However, the isolated ca. 1890 house has little architectural significance in relation to farm development in Utica Township. It appears that it was constructed as an out-of-the-way residence for an unmarried Neary daughter.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Alice Neary House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-4, Frame: 27, 28



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE L. Pucci Gas Station	UTM: Starved Rock Quad, 16 N. 4580510 E. 333420	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1920
2. LOCATION N. Side of Rt. 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)	Legal Description: T. 33 R2 Sec 4 NE 1/4	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Gas Station/Residence
5. CONDITION Fair		

6. DESCRIPTION
Fair

Concrete foundation: Construction unknown. Exterior covered with stucco. One-story roughly rectangular plan. Three-bay primary elevation faces south. Intersecting gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. Original craftsman style side gable-house with central gable-roof dormer, containing paired three-over-one double-hung sash windows; and central brick chimney has a one-story gable-front addition on the primary facade. Addition has an uneven gable roof with a central wood door flanked by paired one-over-one double-hung sash aluminum window on the west and a small one-over-one double-hung sash wood window on the east. A hip-roofed entry porch with concrete stoop supported by small wood posts shelters the door. Two ca. 1920 gas lanterns are situated in front of the house which is located on the corner of Rt. 6 and E. 9 Rd.

7. HISTORICAL DATA

This gas station dates from ca. 1920 and it is no longer in use. The station first appears between 1907 and 1929 on property owned by Benoit Chalus and farmed by Julian Chalus. The Chalus family owned the property through 1937 and it appears that they rented the gas station. Between 1938 and 1942 the current owner, Ludovica Pucci, purchased the six acres and the gas station.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

This is the only rural gas station surveyed in Utica Township. It is an example of a **house type** station constructed in the 1920s to accommodate automobile transportation. It is possible that the station also provided gas and services for farm machinery. It is representative of transportation related to market centers and automobile touring, which developed in Utica Township during the first quarter of the twentieth century. The station has little architectural significance. All that is left are the ca. 1920 lanterns and the house which has been altered.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

L. Pucci Gas Station

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-7, Frame: 28, 29



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Pucci Farm: barns)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION est. 1920		
2. LOCATION Mill Street Utica, Illinois (Township)	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Farm	5. DESCRIPTION	
UTM: LaSalle Quad, 16 N. 4579360 E. 332580	6. RATING Att-2	7. HISTORICAL DATA	
8. SIGNIFICANCE		9. COMMENTS	
<p>6. CONDITION Good - this site has two horse barns.</p> <p>Main barn: Concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction, thin horizontal siding with corner boards. One story, square plan. Five bays on southeast (main) elevation. Front gable roof with extended shed-roof sections on north and south sides, asphalt shingles and three evenly-spaced metal vents on main ridge. Central sliding wagon door of vertical wood flanked by two four-light windows. Second story has central hay loft door surrounded by three six-light windows.</p> <p>Barn: Concrete foundation. Wood frame construction, thin horizontal siding with corner boards. One story, rectangular plan, three bays on southeast (main) elevation. Front gable roof with extended shed roof sections on north and south sides, asphalt shingles, and metal vent on main ridge. Central sliding wagon door flanked by two four light windows on each side. Six-light window in hay loft. Horse barns on operating horse farm.</p> <p>No house is on this farmstead. The two barns date from the early twentieth century. The property was owned by Jeremiah Strawn in 1850. By 1876 the farmstead was owned by Al Cartwright. W.E. Turner owned the property in 1906. In 1929 Julian Chalus owned the land. L. Pucci has owned the land since 1952. Horses are raised and housed in the two barns.</p> <p>These two, early twentieth-century barns are the only horse barns of their kind in Utica Township. They also represent a diminishing number of wood-frame outbuildings in the township.</p>			

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(Pucci Farm: barns)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-3, Frame: 5, 6



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

See "HABS/HAER Inventory Guidelines" before filling out this card.

1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Senica Barn	Owner: Frank & Mary Senica	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1930s
2. LOCATION Route 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)	UTM: LaSalle Quad, 16 N.4579850 E.329330	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Farm
5. CONDITION Good.		6. RATING Am-4

This farmstead includes two post-1940 houses, three pole barns, garage and main barn.

Barn: Raised concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction, flush vertical-plank exterior. Two bays on south (main) elevation. One story, rectangular plan. Front gable roof with metal vent and corrugated metal roofing. Large wagon opening flanked by three-light metal casement windows in west bay. Wagon opening flanked by two-light metal casement windows.

This barn is circa 1930s. Issac Reynolds owned this property in 1850. Thomas Jamison owned the land in 1876. Subsequent owners were Israel Jamison, Frank Senica, and current owners Frank and Mary Senica.

These buildings illustrate the evolution of a farm, wherein buildings are gradually replaced and the result is a mix of older and newer buildings. The barn minor alterations, but retains much of its 1930's appearance. It represents the diminishing number of wood-frame outbuildings in Utica Township.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Seneca Barn

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-6, Frame: 34, 35, 36



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Elizabeth Strawn Farm	owner: O. & V. LaSalle Farms., Inc.	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Early twentieth century
2. LOCATION Rt. 6 Utica, Illinois (Township)	UTM: Starved Rock Quad, 16 N.4580500 E.337690	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Farm
		5. RATING AIII-2

6. CONDITION

Good - this farmstead includes a house, corn crib and several misc. outbuildings.

House: Rectangular-plan main block and a large addition on the rear. The main block has raised coursed stone foundation. The addition has a concrete foundation. Both sections have wood-frame construction, asbestos shingles. Two stories. Six bays on south (main) elevation. Hipped roof with asphalt shingles. Central Greek Revival wood door with transom (painted in) and sidelights and pediment flanked by four five-over-one double-hung sash craftsman wood-frame windows. Five-over-one double-hung sash craftsman window in eastermost bay. Gable roofed central dormer on front facade with central palladian window flanked by four fixed light windows. Raised, facade length one story porch, supported by Doric columns.

Corn Crib: Concrete pier foundation. Wood-frame construction. Widely spaced weatherboards on lower half, vertical boards on upper half of building. Three bays on south (main) elevation. Front-gable roof with corrugated-metal roofing, exposed rafters and gable-roofed cupola with corrugated metal covering and four-over-four double-hung sash wood-frame loading window. Central sliding vertical-wood wagon door. Four-over-four wooden double-hung sash in gable peak. Located east of house. Farm buildings on an operating farm.

This house and corn crib were probably built in the early twentieth century. Robert Strawn, a pioneer to LaSalle County owned this property in 1876. The house first appears in the 1906 atlas and the landowner was Elizabeth Strawn. Theodore Strawn subsequently owned the land and by 1952 it was under the ownership of Strawn Grovers Inc. The current owner is O.& V. LaSalle Farms, Inc.

This representative of an early twentieth century farm retains the wood-frame house, which has been altered, but the additions are fairly sympathetic. The corn crib retains its integrity with only slight alterations, and represents the diminishing number of wood-frame outbuildings in Utica Township.

7. DESCRIPTION
8. HISTORICAL DATA
9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Elizabeth Strawn Farm
U-3-34, 35, 36, 37

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Isaiah Strawn Farm

owner: Richard Brodine

3. DATE (8) OF CONSTRUCTION
PRE-1876

2. LOCATION
2803 Road
Utica, Illinois (Township)

4. USE (OPTIONAL/CURRENT)
Farm

5. RATING
AE-1

6. CONDITION
Good - this farmstead includes a house, main barn, corn crib and miscellaneous outbuildings.

House: Roughcut, coursed limestone rubble foundation. Load-bearing brick construction set in common bond. Brick water table. Two stories, rectangular plan with two-story recessed east wing and one-story wood-frame addition on wing with vertical wood-frame siding. Three bays on main section, three bays on wing. South facade primary elevation. Low-pitched hipped roof with wide eave overhang, decorative paired brackets, widows walk on main section and asphalt shingles. Greek Revival-style wood panel door in easternmost bay of main section, with hipped roof porch supported by square wooden columns. Wooden panel door in westernmost section of wing, with hipped roof across wing's front facade supported by square wood columns. Six-over-six double-hung sash aluminum-frame windows with stone lintels and lug sills evenly spaced on first and second stories of main block and wing.

Barn: Unknown foundation. Wood-frame construction, horizontal weatherboards. One-and-one-half stories. Rectangular plan, three bays on main elevation (east). Gambrel roof with hay hood and corrugated metal covering. Central dutch door on first story. Big hay loft door flanked by small fixed-light windows on second story. Located east of house.

Corn Crib: Stone pier foundation. Two stories. Wood frame, horizontal weatherboards on lower story, asbestos siding on upper story. Rectangular plan, three bays on south (main) facade. Gable roof with corrugated metal covering with attached conveyor belt. Central vertical-wood sliding door. Fixed-light window in gable on second story. Located southeast of house.

The house was built prior to 1876. The barn and corn crib date from the early twentieth century. Isaiah Strawn, Utica Township Assessor, owned the farmstead from 1850 through 1876. By 1906 J.R. Rogers owned the farmstead, and by 1929 J.P. Rogers owned the land. From c. 1937 through 1952, Carrie Rogers was the property owner. Richard Brodine is the current owner. A crop of corn is currently being grown on the farm, as it has been since the farm settled.

These buildings illustrate the evolution of a farm, wherein buildings are gradually replaced and the result is a mix of older and newer buildings. This farmhouse was built prior to 1876 by Isaiah Strawn, a prominent early settler. This is one of two historic brick farmhouses in Utica Township. The integrity of the Italianate-style house is well maintained, with only slight alterations. The wood-frame barn and corn crib represent the diminishing number of wood-frame outbuildings in the township.

7. DESCRIPTION
PRE-1876

8. HISTORICAL DATA
PRE-1876

9. SIGNIFICANCE
PRE-1876

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Isaiah Straw Farm

11. PHOTO(S) (W/ FILM #18, 19, 20, 21) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
J. N. Strawn Farm

2. LOCATION
N. Side N. 2803 Rd.
Utica, Illinois (Township)

UTM: Starved Rock Quad.
16 N. 4578330 E. 336360
Legal Description:
T. 33 R. 2 Sec 11 SE 1/4

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

ca. 1875

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

Farm

5. RATING

Ae-2

6. CONDITION

Good

This farmstead includes a house and a post-1940 pole barn across the road. This is a wood-frame construction. Exterior covered with asphalt shingles. Primary elevation faces south. Three-bay main section and two-bay wing. Low pitched hipped roof covered with asphalt shingles has wide overhanging eaves. Decorative wood cornice with paired brackets and modillions; simple rectangular motif in frieze. Central brick chimney. South elevation: two entrances in ell have paneled wood doors. Hip roofed porch in ell has brackets and modillions supported by square posts. First story has Chicago type metal window on western part of main section. Rectangular one-over-one double-hung sash windows with segmental wood hoodmolds on eastern part of first story on the main section. Three evenly spaced one-over-one double-hung sash wood windows with segmental-arched wood hoodmolds on second story of main section. West wing has one-over-one double-hung sash window with segmental wood hoodmold west of entrance on first story. Second story has three evenly spaced wood two-light segmental-arched frieze windows on upper portion of wing. One-story irregular-shaped rear addition with concrete foundation and gable roof covered with asphalt shingles, connects house with garage on north facade. House fronts north on 2803 Rd. with a shed-roofed outbuilding to the northwest. A pole barn and two metal bunkers are positioned across north 2803 Rd.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

The house on this site dates from ca. 1875. From as early as 1858 through 1906 this 208-acre farm was a portion of the large farmstead owned by the Strawn family. In 1876 it included 240 acres and two buildings on the north side of north 2803 Rd., and 160 acres on the south side, with a school in the northeast corner of sec 1. Jacob Strawn, the patriarch of the family, was a noted stock breeder until his death in 1865. The Strawn family owned the property through 1906. By 1917 Thomas Walsh had purchased 320 acres in section 1 which was called the Oak Glen Farm. Thomas Walsh owned the property until at least 1932. In 1937, 214 acres, a building and the school were part of the Harry Schwying estate. By 1952 William J. Walsh, the current owner, owned the 210-acre farm. The house is currently vacant and the property is for sale. Modern farm buildings are located across the street. Corn has probably been the major crop on this farm since the turn of the century. The school was demolished between 1938 and 1982.

Although slightly altered, this ca. 1875 Italianate farmhouse is an excellent example of early farm development in Utica Township. The Strawns were early and prosperous settlers of Utica Township and they owned this property for approximately 50 years. The Italianate house is representative in scale and design of the characteristic second farmhouse which probably replaced the original, smaller and more functional farmhouse. The post-1940 pole barn across the road, which appears to have replaced the original farm building, intrudes upon this traditional house. And, because the majority of the original outbuildings are gone the farm as a unit has lost some of its integrity.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

J. N. Straw Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-3, Frame: 13, 14



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
James Stroble Farm

Card 1 of 2

2. LOCATION
W. side of E. 10 Rd.
Utica, Illinois (Township)

3. CONDITION
Good

This farmstead includes a house, main barn, corn crib, garage, pump house, 3 bunkers. House: Raised coursed rubble stone foundation with brick veneer and three-light metal casement windows. Wood-frame construction. Exterior covered with aluminum siding. Two-story rectangular plan. Original three-bay primary elevation faced east. Present three-bay south facade serves as primary elevation. Gable roof covered with diamond-shaped asphalt shingles, roof ridge runs north/south. East elevation: original protruding entryway now has a band of one-over-one double-hung sash metal windows. South elevation: new entrance has gable-roofed entry porch with concrete stoop and wrought-iron railings. Metal door flanked by one-over-one double-hung sash metal windows evenly spaced on the facade. House fronts east on 10 Rd., marking the eastern boundary of the farmyard. Outbuildings include main barn, corn crib, pump house, garage, and two bunkers. (Description continued on Card 2.)

The house on this farm was rebuilt ca. 1938 after a fire destroyed the original house. The main barn and the grainery/corn crib date from the turn of the century. The 160-acre site was part of the James Stroble farmstead which included 160 acres and two buildings from 1871 until at least 1906. In the 1880 agricultural schedules for Utica Township, James Stroble is listed as owning 110 improved, tilled acres and 50 improved acres of permanent meadowland. He also had \$150 worth of farm machinery. He owned 7 houses, 4 milk cows, 4 other cattle, 4 calves, 43 swine and 75 poultry. For the year he produced 18 tons of hay, 3080 bushels of corn, 250 bushels of oats, 88 bushels of wheat and 80 bushels of Irish potatoes. T.F. Richardson owned the property from at least 1917 through 1942. In 1952 this farmstead belonged to Robert H. Hayward according to the 1952 Plat book of LaSalle County; however, the 1952 LaSalle County Directory lists Louis Michilini as a farmer and landowner on this property. Michilini is later indicated as the owner of this property from 1976 through the present. Remaining outbuildings suggest that oats and corn and livestock have been raised on this farm since the turn of the century.

This ca. 1870 farm is characteristically located adjacent to the road and although the house was rebuilt after a fire and many of the original outbuildings are gone it is representative in size, organization and design of the majority of farmsteads in Utica Township. The two-story rectangular-plan, reconstructed house harkens back to traditional farmhouse design here from ca. 1860-1900. The ca. 1870 grainery, distinguished by its more cube-like crib areas and clapboard siding, was the only early grainery found in the rural survey. It is representative of oat and wheat production in Utica Township, secondary crops from the early settlement period until about the mid twentieth century. The ca. 1890 transverse frame barn is typical of many of the multi-purpose livestock barns in the township.

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
Farm

5. RATING
AII-2

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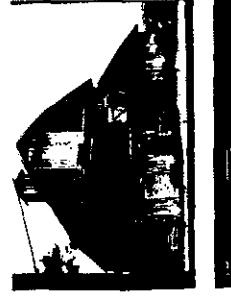
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

James Stroble Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-5, Frame: 15, 16



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Jas Stroble Farm

Card 2 of 2

2. LOCATION

West side of E. 10 Rd.
Utica, Illinois (Township)

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

ca. 1890, ca. 1870

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

Farm

5. RATING

Alt-2

6. CONDITION

Main Barn: Fair Grainery: Fair

Main barn: Transverse frame barn. Concrete foundation. Wood frame construction. Three-bay gable-front primary elevation faces north. Gambrel roof covered with octagonal-shaped asphalt shingles. Hanging gable hay hood on north facade. Gable-roof cupola with six-over-six double-hung sash window. North elevation: three evenly-spaced sliding wood doors of flush vertical boards. Flush vertical wood loading door at mid facade level on west edge of facade. Central small wood four-light casement window at mid facade. Large double hay loft door of flush vertical boards adorns gable peak. A one-story shed-roof addition has been added to the west facade. Barn is located in the central farmyard area, marking the southern boundary.

Grainery/Corn crib: Raised stone-pier foundation. One-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gable-front primary elevation faces south. Shingles. South elevation: Large double door opening flanked by small rectangular loading areas at ground level.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

James Stroble Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

12. SOURCES

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Sulphur Springs Farm (also called: Halfway House Farmstead)
(Farmstead: main barn & corn crib)

2. LOCATION

Dee Bennett Rd., 2-1/2 miles west of
State Route 178, Utica, Illinois (Township)

6. CONDITION

Main barn: good. Corn crib: poor.

This farmstead includes a house, a barn, a corn crib, a hog barn, a quonset hut, a garage and two chicken sheds. Main barn: Transverse frame barn. Raised concrete foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of weatherboard siding. One-and-a-half-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gable-front primary elevation faces north. Gambreel roof with flared eaves covered with corrugated metal has two metal roof vents and hanging gable hay hood on north facade. Central sliding door of flush vertical wood has rectangular fixed light. Central hinged loading door of flush vertical wood set mid-facade. Double hay loft doors of flush vertical wood in gable peak. Two wood nine-light casement windows evenly spaced on upper facade. One wood six-light casement window west of main door. Secondary west elevation has large double sliding door of flush vertical boards with rectangular fixed light. Main barn is centrally located in the farmyard, southwest of the house and southeast of the corn crib.

Corn crib: Drive-through corn crib. Stone pier foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of widely spaced flush horizontal boards, gable peaks in weatherboard siding. One-story rectangular plan. Three-bay gable front primary elevation faces north. Gable roof covered with corrugated metal has two gable-roofed loading cupolas evenly spaced on roof ridge. North elevation: Central double sliding door of flush vertical boards flanked by two small square loading areas at ground level. Recessed rectangular loading door of flush vertical wood in gable peak. Corn crib sits on the western boundary of the farmyard.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

barn: ca. 1920; corn crib: ca. 1875

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

barn and corn crib

5. RATING

Ae-2

This farmstead, which includes the Sulphur Springs Hotel (Halfway House) was established ca. 1852 by Joel Smith (see entry of Sulphur Springs Hotel). The main barn dates from c. 1875. Between 1858 and 1863 the property belonged to Chew Snelby. From at least 1870 until 1888 O. H. Bell owned the farmstead. Henry Zimmerman owned and farmed the property, then called the Sulphur Springs Farm, during the first half of the twentieth century and it appears that Mrs. Zimmerman lived in Ottawa after 1942 and rented the farmstead. Mrs. Lucille Keating, the present owner, purchased the farmstead during the 1960s. Remaining outbuildings suggest that livestock and corn have been raised on this farmstead since the turn of the century.

7. DESCRIPTIVE DATA

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Sulphur Springs Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: U-4, Frame: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Pruella Warrick Farm

2. LOCATION
E. side of E. 9 Rd.
Utica, Illinois (Township)

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
ca. 1908	Farm
16 N. 4579720 E. 333480	
Legal description: T.33 R. 2 Sec. 3 SW 1/4	6. RATING Am-3

5. CONDITION - Poor Corn Crib - Fair

This farmstead includes a post-1940 Ranch-style house, a barn, a corn crib, a garage.

Barn: Concrete-block foundation, wood-frame construction. Exterior covered with clapboard siding. Two-story rectangular plan. Three-bay side-gable primary elevation faces west. Gable roof covered with wood shingles. Hanging gable hay hood on north peak. West elevation: three dutch doors of flush vertical boards evenly spaced across facade. Two four-light casement windows flank central door which was originally sliding door. Secondary north elevation: Double hay loft loading door of flush vertical boards adorns gable peak. Sliding door of flush vertical boards on west edge at mid facade. Three four-light wood casement windows evenly spaced across first facade. One-story shed roof frame mid facade. Three four-light wood casement windows evenly spaced across first story of facade. One-story shed-roof frame addition to east facade. Concrete silo foundation west of barn. Barn marks the eastern boundary of the farmstead.

Corn crib: Drive-through corn crib. Concrete pier foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior of widely spaced flush horizontal boards, weatherboard siding in gable peaks. One-story rectangular plan. Three-bay front primary elevation faces south. Gable roof covered with corrugated metal. South elevation: Sliding double door of flush vertical boards. Six-over-six double-hung sash window in gable peak. Crib marks the western boundary of the farm yard, facing the main barn.

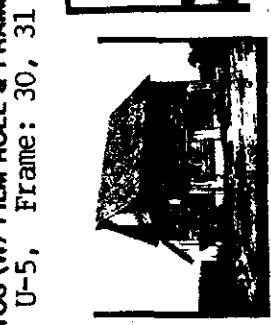
From 1850 through 1861 this 80-acre farmstead on the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of section 3 was part of property owned by James Clark, an early prominent settler and land holder in Utica and Utica Township. Sometime between 1877 and 1888 it was purchased by C.W. Esmond, a large land owner and early settler in Utica Township, whose main farmstead was located on section 2. C.W. Esmond owned the land through 1906. By 1915, the farm, called the Clover Lawn Farm, belonged to Pruellia Warrick, the daughter of C.W. Esmond who married Robert M. Warrick. The property remained in the Warrick family until at least 1942. Between 1942 and 1952 Harold Clement, the present owner, purchased the property. The major crop appears to have been corn since the turn of the century.

This turn-of-the-century barn and corn crib are representative in terms of size, organization and design of the development of feed grain agriculture during the turn of the century. The main barn is one of few clad with vertical board, but it is typical of the multi-purpose livestock barns in Utica Township. The corn crib is similar in scale and design to the majority of drive-through corn cribs surveyed. The post-1940 ranch-style house and the absence of other traditional outbuildings, however, detract from the overall historical character of this farmstead.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Pruella Warrick Farm

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



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